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SATURDAY, May 25, 1889.

1. The Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 2 o'clock P. M. in the "Church of Our Father" (Universalist), kindly offered to the Washington Society of the New Church for the use of the Convention.

2. The Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. Chauncey Giles, who also conducted the religious services.

3. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.

4. Rev. T. F. Wright, of Massachusetts, Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois, and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer, of Maryland, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

5. Pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, Rev. S. M. Warren read the credentials of Mr. Richard

Gunton, Treasurer of the English Conference, and Agent of the National Missionary Institution of that body, as the Messenger of the Conference to the Convention; and after remarks by Messrs. Warren, Seward, Dewson, Scammon, and McGeorge, it was *voted*, That Mr. Gunton be received as the Messenger of the Conference, and invited to take his seat in the Convention and to participate in its deliberations.

6. Mr. Gunton responded happily and at length to the welcome of the Convention.

7. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Delegates, reported the Roll of the Convention, which, as finally corrected and completed, is as follows:—

ROLL.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. F. E. Waelchly, Berlin; Rev. E. S. Hyatt, Parkdale.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. L. P. Mercer, Chicago; Rev. S. C. Eby, Peoria; Rev. F. L. Higgins, St. Louis, Mo; Rev. J. J. Lehen, Norway, Iowa.

Delegates.—J. Young Scammon, Willet Northrup, J. F. Goddard, Chicago, Ill.; A. C. Christern, Henry, Ill.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., Bath; Rev. H. C. Dunham, Rev. Wm. B. Hayden, Portland.

Delegate.—Henry H. Hay, Portland.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. J. B. Parmelee, Wilmington, Del.; Rev. J. E. Smith, Easton, Maryland; Rev. Thomas A. King, Baltimore, Maryland.

Delegates.—Job Barnard, R. D. Mussey, H. C. Spencer, Prof. J. W. Hunt, Dr. H. M. Schooley, Alfred French,

Washington, D. C. ; Peter Knapp, C. A. E. Spamer, Baltimore, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, Abington ; Rev. James Reed, Rev. Samuel M. Warren, Boston ; Rev. John Worcester, Newton ; Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Brookline ; Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater ; Rev. Julian K. Smyth, Roxbury ; Rev. George S. Wheeler, Fall River.

Delegates.—George T. Hawley, Lewis G. Lowe, John A. Cleare, Cornelius T. Dunham, James S. Conant, James Shepherd, X. Allen Reed, Boston ; Loring Holbrook, Whitman ; Nahum Leonard, Ephraim H. Sprague, Bridgewater ; Rufus C. Kimball, Francis M. Shaw, Brockton ; Albert Cushman, Brookline ; Francis A. Dewson, Newton ; Samuel Darling, Providence, R. I. ; Charles P. Taft, Charles H. Taft, Cambridge.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. C. H. Mann, Orange, N. J. ; Rev. S. S. Seward, New York ; Rev. Wm. Diehl, Rev. J. C. Ager, Brooklyn ; Rev. George M. Davidson, Riverhead.

Delegates.—John Ellis, Mordaunt Bodine, John B. McGeorge, E. Sugden, S. S. Hoyt, A. Goodell, New York ; Robert W. Adams, Newark, N. J. ; Louis Ager, Brooklyn ; Wm. W. Hulse, Bay Shore, L. I.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. John Goddard, Rev. E. A. Beaman, Cincinnati ; Rev. P. B. Cabell, Cleveland ; Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Urbana.

Delegates.—R. H. Andrews, Cincinnati ; M. G. Browne, Milo B. Stevens, Cleveland ; J. W. Coy, Greenford.

GENERAL CHURCH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.—Rev. W. H. Benade, Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck, Rev. Enoch S. Price, Rev. C. T. Odhner, Philadelphia, Pa. ; Rev. John Whitehead, Pittsburgh ; Rev. Edward C. Bostock, Chicago, Ill. ; Rev. Andrew Czerney, Pittsburg.

Delegates.—G. R. Starkey, George G. Starkey, Robert M. Glenn, Walter C. Childs, J. A. Wells, Philadelphia; George A. Macbeth, Albert H. Childs, J. Schoenberger, William Cowley, Pittsburg.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Chauncey Giles, Rev. Louis H. Tafel, Rev. Wm. L. Worcester, Philadelphia; Rev. J. W. McPherson, Frankford; Rev. Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.

Delegates.—Edward S. Campbell, Frederic Schoff, E. Burgess Warren, Julien Shoemaker, Joshua L. Shoemaker, John Crankshaw, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Richard A. Lewis, William R. Valleau, Adolph J. Tafel, Philadelphia; J. T. Bray, Vineland, N. J.; Samuel Kent, Clifton.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

Delegate.—Henry G. Thompson, Milford.

MINISTER NOT CONNECTED WITH AN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Oakland, Cal.

Ministers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Delegates	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	108

VISITORS.

Mrs. Sara A. Spencer, Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, Mrs. Flora Barnard, Katharine G. Upton, Elizabeth B. Edson, Mrs. T. H. Hale, Mary L. Barton, Mrs. J. W. Hunt, Washington, D. C.; E. Hyde Alden, Mrs. Susan H. Reese, Mrs. Therese Hering, Miss Katharine Kimber, Helena Boericke, J. M. Boericke, Mrs. Julien Shoemaker, Henry A. Lewis, F. H. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton F. Peale, Homer Synnestvedt, Harvey Farrington, Mrs. E. J. E. Schreck, Cara S. Glenn, N. D. Pendleton, William Henry Acton, Mrs. Margaret P. Starkey, Miss Eliza Mitchell, Mrs. E. A. Kimber, Philadelphia; Mrs. Sarah M. Ellis, Miss Alice M. Bodine, Miss Laura A. McGeorge, New-York City; Mrs. D. R. Parmelee,

Miss Thalia Negendank, Wilmington, Del. ; Mrs. L. Bray, Mrs. J. C. Ager, Brooklyn, N. Y. ; Mrs. George T. Hawley, Wm. Nichols, Boston, Mass. ; Sarah B. Gannett, Bath, Me. ; Mrs. M. G. Browne, Lizzie A. Jordan, C. Haywood, Mrs. Haines, Cleveland, Ohio ; Miss Margaret C. Worcester, Mrs. Roberts, Newtonville, Mass. ; Mrs. A. Roeder, Miss Tuller, Vineland, N. J. ; Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Milford, Conn. ; Dr. Wm. Boericke, San Francisco, Cal. ; Mrs. E. A. Beaman, Mrs. W. N. Hobart, Miss H. W. Hobart, Cincinnati, Ohio ; Charles A. Nussbaum, Paris, France ; Mrs. W. W. Hulse, Bay Shore, L. I. ; Miss Alice Thacher, Orange, N. J. ; Jesse A. Burt, Mrs. J. Y. Scammon, Chicago, Ill. ; Miss Maria C. Hogan, Mrs. Schoenberger, Pittsburg, Pa. ; Alfred Acton, Liverpool, Eng. ; Mrs. H. H. Hay, Portland, Me. ; Mrs. E. H. Sprague, Bridgewater, Mass. ; Mrs. R. C. Kimball, Brockton, Mass. ; Mrs. George Chase, New York ; Margaret L. Paschall, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. and Miss Brooke, Jamaica, West Indies.

8. The President's address being called for, it was *voted*, That the President be invited to deliver his address at 8 o'clock this evening.

9. The report of the Secretaries was read.

10. The Treasurer's Report was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

11. The report of the General Council was read, and the recommendation of the Council, That the application for admission into the Convention of the new Association recently formed in Pennsylvania be granted, and that the Association be received in the usual manner, was taken up.

12. Rev. E. J. E. Schreck objected to the reception of the Association under the name "Pennsylvania Association of the New Church," because it might hereafter be confused with the previous Association of that name, now called the General Church of Pennsylvania ; and, the objection being overruled, desired to have it recorded.

13. The recommendation of the General Council was *adopted*, and the delegates of the Association to the Convention being called to the platform, the Vice-President, in the

absence of the President, extended the right hand of fellowship to the Association, the members of the Convention rising.

14. The report of the Board of Publication was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

15. The reports of the Corporation of the Theological School, of the Treasurer of the Theological School Fund, and of the Board of Managers of the School, were read; and it was *voted*, That the hour of 11 o'clock on Monday, be set for the consideration of these reports, and of the claims of the Theological School.

16. It was *voted*, That the nomination, by the Board of Managers, of the Rev. J. C. Ager, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. James Reed, and Dr. E. A. Whiston, to be members of the Board for the term expiring in 1892, be *confirmed*.

17. The report of the Trustees of the Building Fund was read, and it was *voted*, That Messrs. George Ropes and W. N. Hobart, whose terms of office as members of the Board have expired, be reelected for three years.

18. The reports of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy, of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, and of the Council of Ministers were read.

19. The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions was presented in print, and it was *voted*, That the reading of the report and the consideration of the whole subject be made the order of the day for 2.30 o'clock, on Monday afternoon.

20. The report of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association was read, and it was *voted*, That a collection for the benefit of the Association be taken up during the religious services on Monday.

21. The reports of the Canada, Illinois, and Maine Associations were read.

22. It was *voted*, That the Illinois delegation have leave to withdraw its report for amendment.

23. The reports of the Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Ohio Associations, and of the General Church of Pennsylvania, were read.

24. Mr. McGeorge *moved*, That that portion of the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania referring to the enjoining of the Rev. L. H. Tafel from exercising the functions of his office within the limits of the General Church, be referred to the Council of Ministers for consideration and report.

25. Mr. Benade raised the point of order, that the report could not be referred to the Council of Ministers, because the action taken by the General Church was taken under the provisions of the Constitution, and is not subject to revision by the Convention.

26. The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

27. Pending an appeal by Mr. Benade to the Convention, from the ruling of the Chair, the Convention took a recess until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

28. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and the Rev. H. C. Dunham opened the meeting with reading from the Word and the Lord's Prayer.

29. The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

30. The Roll of the Convention was called.

31. The appeal of Mr. Benade from the decision of the Chair on the proposed reference of the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania to the Council of Ministers, which was pending when the Convention adjourned on Saturday, was taken up, and the decision of the Chair sustained.

32. After remarks on the question of reference by Messrs. Benade, McGeorge, Ager, Scammon, and Dewson, it was *voted*, That the whole subject be laid on the table.

33. It was *voted*, That the Maryland Association have leave to withdraw its report for amendment.

34. The reports of the First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco, of the San Francisco Society, and of the Connecticut Association were read.

35. The reports of the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., the Rev. Joseph Pettee, the Rev. John Goddard, and the Rev. Jabez

Fox, as Ordaining Ministers, and of Rev. W. B. Hayden and Rev. Gerhard Busmann, were read.

36. It was *voted*, That the remainder of the reports of individual ministers be referred to the Secretaries, without reading, to be printed in the Journal.

37. The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day, being the reports of the Directors and Managers of the Theological School, was called for.

38. After remarks by Rev. Messrs. John Worcester, Dike, Reed, and Pettee, Mr. Giles offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Convention heartily approves of the decision of the Managers of the Theological School to establish it on a permanent basis in Cambridge.

39. After remarks by Mr. Giles and Mr. McGeorge, the resolution was *adopted*.

40. After religious services conducted by the Rev. J. E. Smith, the Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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41. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

42. It was *voted*, That a committee of six be appointed by the Chair to nominate the elective members of the General Council.

43. It was *voted*, That the hour of 11 o'clock, Tuesday, be appointed for the election of officers.

44. The Chair announced the following-named gentlemen members of the committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council: Rev. James Reed, of Massachusetts; Dr. A. Goodell, of New York; R. A. Lewis, of Pennsylvania; C. A. E. Spamer, of Maryland; Rev. J. Goddard, of Ohio; and J. Y. Scammon, of Illinois.

45. The hour of 2.30 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day, being the consideration of the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, was called for.

46. The Convention was addressed by Rev. Messrs. W. H.

Hinkley, L. P. Mercer, and J. E. Smith; and Mr. Giles *moved* the following resolution, which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the plan of establishing a permanent Endowment Fund for the use of the Board of Missions, approved by the General Convention last year, be again urged upon the attention of the Board, and that a persistent effort be made by it to secure a sufficient fund, the interest of which will form a stable basis for the support of its work.

47. It was *voted*, That the claims of the New Church at the National Capital be taken up for consideration.

48. After an introduction by Rev. W. B. Hayden, Mr. F. A. Dewson presented the following, which, after discussion by Messrs. Dewson, Scammon, McGeorge, Gunton, and Giles, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen, two from each of the following cities, namely: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Brooklyn, and three from Washington, to be named by the President of the Convention, be, and are hereby appointed, to take charge of the building of a house of worship in the city of Washington; that they be authorized to raise funds for the object, to act as trustees of the property in the name of the Convention, and to fill vacancies in their number in conference with, and with the approval of, the President and Secretaries of the Convention.

49. A petition from sixty-three persons, members, at the time the action complained of was taken, of "The New-Jerusalem Society of the Advent," in Philadelphia, setting forth that Rev. Louis H. Tafel had been removed from his office, as pastor, by the Bishop of the General Church of Pennsylvania, without the consent of the Society, and asking that such removal might be reversed, and that such action might be taken as seemed necessary, was read; and it was *moved*, That the petition be referred to the General Council.

50. Mr. Schreck *moved* to amend by substituting the words "Council of Ministers" for the words "General Council."

51. The ayes and noes were called for.

52. The ayes and noes were taken, and resulted as follows:

Ayes, — Waelchly, Hyatt, Dewson, J. Goddard, Cabell, Mayhew, Browne, Benade, Pendleton, Whitehead, Bostock, Czerney, Schreck, Price, Odhner, George G. Starkey, Macbeth, A. H. Child, Wells, Schoenberger, Cowley, Dike, Jordan, Dunham — 24.

Noes, — Higgins, Scammon, J. F. Goddard, Parmelee, Smith, Barnard, Mussey, Spencer, Spamer, Pettee, Reed, J. Worcester, Hinkley, Wright, Hawley, Lowe, Leonard, Kimball, Shaw, Cushman, Darling, C. P. Taft, C. H. Taft, Mann, Seward, Diehl, Bodine, J. B. McGeorge, Sugden, Adams, Goodell, Beaman, Giles, Roeder, W. L. Worcester, E. B. Warren, W. McGeorge, Jr., Lewis, A. J. Tafel, Hay, Thompson — 41.

53. The amendment was *lost*.

54. The original motion to refer was *adopted*.

55. The report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts was read.

56. The report of the Committee to collect Funds for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg, was read.

57. The Convention took a recess until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

58. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and Rev. L. P. Mercer conducted the religious services.

59. The calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

60. The minutes of the previous day's session were read.

61. Rev. E. J. E. Schreck moved to amend Minute 49, relating to the petition of the sixty-three members of the Advent Society of Philadelphia, by inserting the word "alleged" between the words "sixty-three" and "members."

62. The motion was laid on the table.

63. The minutes were approved.

64. Mr. Dewson moved the following, which was *adopted*:
Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to apply the legacy of \$100.00 received from Mrs. Frances R. Towne, to

the work of publishing the *Potts's Concordance*, by paying the same in his discretion to Rev. A. Faraday, or to any other assistant of Mr. Potts.

65. The following, offered by Mr. Dewson, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That this Convention, recognizing the paramount importance to the church of providing proper material for the instruction of our children in its doctrines, requests the Board of Publication to provide for the publication of such Manuals as are recommended by the American New-Church Sunday-School Association, believing that such work is one of the most important uses for which that Board was established, and for which it may claim and will receive abundant support from the members of this Convention.

66. The reports of the Minnesota and Pennsylvania Associations were read.

67. The Address from the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain to the General Convention, was read.

68. A reply to the Address of the English Conference, prepared by Rev. John Goddard, was read; and it was *voted*, That the reply be adopted as the Address of the General Convention to the Conference, and that the Rev. Jabez Fox be appointed the Messenger of the Convention to the Conference.

69. The hour set for the election of officers having arrived, the committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council, reported the following nominations: Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. John Whitehead, of Pennsylvania; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Robert Carswell, of Canada; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

70. Mr. J. B. McGeorge, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, and Mr. Frederic Schoff, were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for President.

71. Rev. Chauncey Giles was nominated for President.

72. Pending the collection and counting of the ballots for President, the report of the Council of Ministers was taken

up, and it was *voted*, That the request of the Council to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of Confirmation, or Welcome to the First Communion, be *granted*.

73. Messrs. Barnard, Spamer, and E. B. Warren, were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for Vice-President.

74. Rev. John Worcester was nominated for Vice-President.

75. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers that Section 21 of the By-Laws be so amended as to read as follows, was *adopted*:—

SECTION 21. There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention, and of nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

76. The tellers appointed for the purpose, reported that they had collected and counted the ballots for President, and Rev. Chauncey Giles was declared elected.

77. The same tellers were appointed to receive and count the ballots for Secretaries and Treasurer.

78. The tellers having collected and counted the ballots for Vice-President, Rev. John Worcester was declared elected.

79. Rev. W. H. Hinkley and Rev. S. S. Seward were nominated for Secretaries, and Mr. F. A. Dewson for Treasurer.

80. The following resolutions, recommended by the Council of Ministers, were offered:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention a small Liturgy, or Book of Worship, for missionary purposes, is greatly needed, and that the Board of Publication is hereby requested to coöperate with the Convention in providing such a book for the Church.

Resolved, That in our judgment a book of this kind, judiciously prepared, so far from injuring the sale of the present Liturgy, would in due time lead to an increased demand for it.

81. Mr. Scammon moved to amend by adding to the first resolution the words, "provided that the proposed book be limited to not more than fifty pages."

82. The amendment was *lost*.

83. The resolutions were *adopted*.

84. The Convention took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M., in order to wait upon President Harrison, who received the members of the Convention at the White House, and responded appropriately to the address by the President of the Convention.

2 o'clock P. M.

85. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

86. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

87. The tellers appointed to collect and count the ballots for Secretaries and Treasurer, reported that they had performed that duty, and Rev. W. H. Hinkley and Rev. S. S. Seward were declared elected Secretaries, and Mr. F. A. Dewson, Treasurer.

88. Messrs. Barnard, Spamer, and E. B. Warren were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for the elective members of the General Council.

89. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers to insert between "General Convention" and "provided," in line 5 of Section 4, Article V., of the Constitution, the following words: "But an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of General Pastor in its Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, during his continuance in office," was taken up.

90. Mr. Jordan offered the following as a substitute: "But the powers of General Pastor conferred on the Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, of an Association, shall cease with his incumbency of such office of Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, if the Association shall so elect."

91. The substitute was *lost*.

92. Mr. Ager moved to amend by substituting the word "Or" for "But."

93. The amendment was *adopted*.

94. The recommendation as amended was *adopted*.

95. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers that the proposed amendment to the Constitution referred to the Council (*see* Min. 45, JOURNAL of 1888, and Min. 86, JOURNAL of 1887), be not adopted, was *concurrent in*.

96. The tellers reported that they had received and counted the ballots for the elective members of the General Council, and that the persons nominated, namely, Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. John Whitehead, of Pennsylvania; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Robert Carswell, of Canada; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan, were elected.

97. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers that the following changes be made in the list of Ministers, was *adopted*:—

To be added to the list of Pastors and Ministers: Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt, Rev. Wm. M. Macintosh.

To be added to the list of Candidates: Francis T. Alba, Louis Rich, Louis C. Landenberger.

98. Mr. Mercer read the amended portion of the report of the Illinois Association, and on motion of Mr. Scammon, the following was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That this body gratefully acknowledges the devotion to the New Church of Martin C. Bissell, late of Joliet, Will County, Illinois, evidenced by the bequests made in his will to the General Convention, and to other New-Church organizations and associations, for use in disseminating the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Jerusalem; and desires to put on record its appreciation of such fidelity to the service of the New Dispensation.

99. The report of the Iungerich Trustees was read.

100. A communication from the German Synod of the New Church was read.

101. Communications from Rev. Fedor Goerwitz, President

of the Swiss Union of the New Church, and from Rev. C. J. N. Manby, of Stockholm, Sweden, were read.

102. Mr. Ager presented the following on behalf of the delegates of the New-York Association : —

Whereas, the New-York Association, at its last annual meeting, adopted a resolution instructing its delegates to apply to the General Convention, at its next meeting, for the sanction of the Convention to confer the powers of General Pastor on the Presiding Minister of the Association, provided the General Convention should make such a change in its Constitution as would allow the Association to invest its Presiding Minister temporarily with these powers ;

Therefore, the delegates of the New-York Association hereby respectfully ask the General Convention for its sanction to enable the Association to invest its Presiding Minister temporarily with the powers of General Pastor.

103. Mr. Scammon, on behalf of and in the name of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association (which by the Constitution of said Association, has all the powers *ad interim* of the Association), and by instruction of its delegates in this Convention, asked that the same powers asked for in the New-York Association be conferred upon the Illinois Association.

104. It was *moved* to refer both applications to the General Council.

105. Mr. Whitehead moved to amend by substituting the words " Council of Ministers," for " General Council."

106. The amendment was *adopted*.

107. The motion to refer, as amended, was *adopted*.

108. A supplementary report of the General Council on the Petition of the sixty-three members of the Advent Society of Philadelphia, was read, as follows : —

The Council has considered the Petition of E. S. Campbell and others, former members of the Advent Society, referred to it. It appears to the Council that a thorough investigation of the case presented, in all its details of fact and principle, is hardly practicable and not likely to lead to the best results.

In regard to the Rev. Mr. Tafel's position, he is a minister

of the Pennsylvania Association of the New Church, which has been admitted into membership of the Convention, and remains a minister of the Convention in good standing, and entitled to respect and confidence in the Church.

It was *moved*, That the report be adopted as the reply of the Convention to the Petition.

109. Mr. McGeorge moved the following as a substitute for the report of the General Council, and as the reply of the Convention to the Petition:—

Whereas, in the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania it is stated that “since the last meeting of the Convention the Rev. Louis H. Tafel has been enjoined from exercising the functions of his office within the limits of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and removed from the pastorate of the Society of the Advent”;

And whereas, no reasons are given for this action, wherefore injustice may be unwittingly done to our brother, Rev. L. H. Tafel, in the minds of those unacquainted with the real causes of difference between him and his Bishop; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention, for the purpose of preventing any misconstruction of these circumstances, emphatically declares, and places on record the statement, that nothing in the differences above referred to affect in the slightest degree the standing of our brother, Rev. L. H. Tafel, as a minister, or diminishes the love and respect in which he is held by his brethren.

110. The substitute was *adopted*.

111. Mr. Cabell gave notice of the following proposed amendment to Article V. Section 5, of the Constitution, namely, to insert the words “or enjoined” after “suspended” in line one, and the words “or injunction” after “suspension” in line three; and to omit the last sentence, which reads, “This section shall not be so construed as to prevent an Association from enjoining a minister from the exercise of his functions within its own limits.”

112. Mr. Hinkley gave notice of a proposed amendment to strike out the whole of Section 5, Art. V., of the Constitution.

113. Mr. Whitehead gave notice of the following as a proposed substitute for Section 5, Art. V., of the Constitution : —

SECTION 5. — The General Pastors shall have general charge of matters pertaining to the relation of the General Convention to the associate bodies, and they shall also constitute a tribunal which shall hear and decide all appeals from the lower bodies, and they may meet at any time. A minister may be suspended from the exercise of the functions of his office by authority of an Association or other general body of the Church. The General Pastor presiding over the Convention may suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association or other general body of the Church. Such suspended minister shall have the right of appeal to the tribunal of General Pastors whose decision shall be final. An Association may also enjoin a minister from exercising the functions of his office within its bounds; but such enjoined minister shall have the right of appeal to the tribunal of General Pastors; provided that the General Pastors shall form their decision according to the laws of the Association or general body concerned.

114. The whole subject covered by the proposed changes to Section 5, Art. V., of the Constitution, was referred to the Council of Ministers.

115. The following, proposed by Mr. Goddard to be added to Section 3 of the By-Laws, was referred to the General Council : —

It shall also be their duty to assign seats to the various delegations at their first report, which seats the delegates shall be expected to occupy throughout the session.

116. Mr. Scammon gave notice of the following proposed amendments to the Constitution to be inserted after Section 5, Art. V. : —

SECTION 6. No authority is conferred upon or recognized in any minister to assume any other title or designation as an officer of this Convention, than those which are named in this article. The freedom and rationality of no minister or other officer of this Convention shall be impaired by the arbitrary action of any other officer, or any body of the Church con-

nected with this Convention ; and the suspension of any minister from the performance of official action may be revised upon appeal to this Convention.

117. Mr. Scammon also gave notice that he should propose, at the next meeting of the Convention, to abolish the whole Constitution, and to proceed to the preparation of a new one.

118. Mr. Scammon's proposed amendments to the Constitution were referred to the General Council.

119. It was *voted*, on motion of Mr. Wright, That the President of the Convention be requested to provide an address to the Swiss New-Church Union, and that By-Law 13 be suspended for this purpose.

120. Mr. Wright offered the following resolutions, which were *adopted* unanimously by a rising vote :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the pastor and members of the "Church of Our Father" for the use of its beautiful house of worship,—a favor which will be cordially appreciated by the people of our faith throughout the country.

Resolved, That our thanks be also presented to the minister and members of the Washington Society of the New Church for their many attentions to their visitors, and especially to the ladies for their constant courtesies.

121. It was *voted*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be requested to make a liberal donation to the janitor of the "Church of Our Father" in recognition of his faithful services.

122. The Convention took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

7.30 o'clock.

123. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

124. The Roll of the Convention was called.

125. The minutes of the afternoon session were approved.

126. The following was *adopted* :—

Resolved, That a committee of two persons be appointed by the President of the Convention a Committee on Transporta-

tion to make arrangements with the railroad companies for reduced fare to the meeting of the Convention next year.

127. A supplementary report of the Council of Ministers on the applications of the New-York and Illinois Associations was read, and the recommendation of the Council that the sanction of the Convention be given to the vesting of the powers of General Pastor in Rev. S. S. Seward, as Presiding Minister of the New-York Association, and in Rev. L. P. Mercer, as Superintendent of the Illinois Association, when the applications for such investment are made in due form to the President of the Convention, was *adopted*.

128. In accordance with the recommendation of the Council of Ministers, Mr. Hinkley read a paper on the Relation of the General Convention to Foreign Bodies of the Church, and on motion of Mr. Wright the following was *adopted* :—

Resolved, That the Convention recognizes its duty to give aid and encouragement to the organizations of the New Church on the continent of Europe in their efforts effectively to promulgate the truths of the New Age, and requests its Board of Missions to do all that can be done to promote the performance of this duty.

129. The following was *adopted* :—

Resolved, That the Council of Ministers be requested to consider what action should be taken with respect to the induction of the Rev. W. F. Pendleton into the third degree of the ministry, by the Rev. W. H. Benade, on the ninth day of May, 1888, and his (Mr. Benade's) declaration that with him (Mr. Pendleton) should be established a priesthood that shall be the Priesthood of the Academy.

130. Mr. Mayhew read a series of resolutions, prepared by Mr. Hite, of Urbana, Ohio, on New-Church education, which was referred to the Council of Ministers.

131. Mr. Seward was appointed treasurer *pro tempore*.

132. Mr. Scammon announced the invitation of the Illinois Association to the Convention to hold its next meeting within the limits of the Association, and it was *voted*, That when the Convention adjourn it adjourn to meet in Chicago, at a time to be fixed by the President and Secretaries.

133. Mr. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., stated that as a committee to raise money for the *Messenger* Fund, he had received subscriptions amounting to nearly \$21,500; but that he had never published a list of subscribers because so many had requested that it should not be done. He stated further that the omission to do this made it the more necessary that his accounts should be audited and properly vouched, and requested that some steps should be taken looking to this end. It was *voted*, That the Treasurer of the Board of Publication be appointed to audit and settle the accounts of Mr. McGeorge in connection with the New-Church *Messenger* Fund.

134. At the request of the Council of Ministers, Mr. Worcester read a paper on Possible Improvements in the *Book of Worship*, and it was *voted*, That Mr. Hinkley and Mr. Worcester be requested to furnish their papers for publication in the *Messenger*.

135. It was *voted*, That the Board of Publication be requested to consider the expediency of printing an edition of the *Book of Worship* in larger type.

136. The minutes were read and approved, and it was *voted*, That after singing the 71st selection and receiving the benediction, the Convention stand adjourned.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President*.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, }
S. S. SEWARD, } *Secretaries*.

Memoranda.

On Saturday evening the Convention convened at the church at eight o'clock, and after religious services, listened to the President's address on "The Condition and Wants of the Convention."

On Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock, the Rev. J. K. Smyth, of Boston Highlands, Mass., preached at the "Church of Our Father" on "Fishers of Men," the Rev. Alexander Kent, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, conducting the services. At the same hour the Rev. J. B. Parmelee, of Wilmington, Del., preached at St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. Domer, pastor, on "The Lord's Apparent Absence during Temptations."

At three P. M., the Most Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, preceded by an address, on JOHN xiii., by the Rev. John Worcester, of Newtonville, Mass., was administered at the church by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the Convention, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. Mayhew, John Goddard, C. H. Mann, and S. S. Seward, to one hundred and eighty communicants.

In the evening at eight o'clock, the Rev. S. C. Eby, of Peoria, Ill., preached at the church on "The New Evangel; its Aim and Method"; and the Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Chicago, Ill., lectured at Dr. Domer's church, on LUKE x. 26, "What is written in the Law? How readest thou?"

Rev. J. E. Smith's sermon on Monday at noon was based on MARK xvi. 15.

On Monday evening a reception, which was generally attended by the ministers and delegates to the Convention and by the friends of the Washington Society, was given at the Hamilton House, with an attendance of about two hundred; and on Wednesday an excursion was given by the Washington Society to Mt. Vernon, which was attended by nearly all the members of the Convention and visitors.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

NO. 1.—REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES.

THE Secretaries report that 1,000 copies of the Journal of 1888 were printed through the agency of the Massachusetts New-Church Union. Of this number 194 were sent to the delegates, committee-men, and ministers of the Convention ; 263 to the various Associations and other General Bodies of the Church ; 165 to foreign countries, and the balance (378) retained for the use of the Convention.

The Minutes of the English Conference have been received and distributed as usual to the ministers and delegates to the Convention.

The usual assessment for the general expenses of the Convention was made, and the result will be seen by reference to the report of the Treasurer.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, }
S. S. SEWARD, } *Secretaries.*

NO. 2.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

General Fund.

		DR.	CR.
1888.			
June	4. To Expenses of S. S. Seward, Secretary . . .	\$15.60	
	30. Expenses of Treasurer	2.50	
	Printing and Mailing Journal		
July	20. Printing Programmes and Treas. Report }	381.54	
Dec.	31. Postage, Copying, etc. (Secretary and Treasurer)	6.00	
1889.			
Feb.	1. Printing Convention Journals I. to VIII. .	189.56	
Apr.	30. " " " IX. to XIII. .	207.05	
	Balance	533.85	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,336.10	

1889.]

Reports of Officers and Committees.

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1888.		Dr.	Cr.
<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,336.10	
May	1. By Balance on hand as per last account . . .		\$769.80
	10. Contribution of J. Shoemaker		10.00
	17. Balance from Ministers' Conference . . .		7.75
	21. Collection at Meeting in Boston		269.00
	26. Assessment of 1888 Maine Association . .		3.35
June	22. " " Canada Association . .		20.75
Oct.	1. " 1889 Minnesota Association . .		3.60
Nov.	8. " " Savannah Society . .		1.45
	9. " " Pennsylvania General Church		25.00
	30. Assessment of 1889 San Francisco First Society		5.80
Dec.	6. Assessment of 1889 San Francisco Second Society		2.50
	18. Assessment of 1889 New York Association . .		32.60
	24. " " Michigan Association . .		17.80
1889.			
Feb.	1. " " Connecticut Association . .		1.25
	19. " " Maryland Association . .		15.20
Feb.	28. " " Topeka Society . .		1.25
Mar.	2. " " Mass. Association . .		84.85
	12. " " Illinois Association . .		30.90
	23. " " Milwaukee Society . .		1.25
Apr.	30. " " Ohio Association . .		32.00
		<u>\$1,336.10</u>	<u>\$1,336.10</u>

Swedenborg Memorial Fund.

1889.			
April	30. To Printing, Postage, etc.	\$38.00	
May	1. Balance on hand	2,462.60	
Jan.	1. Amount received from sundry Contributions to date		\$1,153.20
	Interest to date		206.56
	Amount received from Contributions forwarded F. L. Coster, Sweden, and now returned . .		210.00
	Interest on same		43.08
	Legacy of Miss Emily J. Smith, received through C. A. E. Spamer, Executor		850.06
May	1. Interest to date		37.70
		<u>\$2,500.60</u>	<u>\$2,500.60</u>

This Fund has been separately held by the Treasurer under an appointment by the General Council in 1884. It now seems best that it should be held and reported with other funds in his custody as Treasurer of the General Convention.

Income of Sundry Funds.

	Dr.	Cr.
To Income of Simpkins Fund	\$1,400.00	
" " Wales Fund	239.24	
" " Wilkins Fund	179.40	
" " Jenkins Fund	95.75	
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Paid to Theological School	\$1,914.39	
Income of Richards Fund, paid to Board of Publication	40.00	
Income credited to White Fund	215.44	
" " " Photo-Lithograph Fund	54.11	
" " " Swedenborg Memorial Fund	37.70	
By Interest on F. G. Barnes's Mortgage		\$38.88
" " C. H. Pitman's "		110.00
" " S. D. Garey's "		150.00
" " C. E. Chester's "		221.26
" " R. H. Andrews's "		181.50
" " G. B. Lapham's "		120.00
" " Lake Shore Bonds, Simpkins Fund		1,400.00
" " United States Bonds, Richards Fund		40.00
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	\$2,261.64	\$2,261.64

Income of White Fund.

To amount paid the Board of Publication for Latin Works sent to New Brunswick, N. J.; Princeton, N. J.; Madison, N. J.; Louisville, Ky.; Cambridge, Mass.; Orange, N. J.; Boston University School of Theology; Meadville, Pa.; Oakland, Cal.; Rochester, N. Y.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Faribault, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Canton, N. Y.; Brooklyn, N. Y. Theological Schools: Cambridge, Mass.; Richmond, Va.; Evanston, Ill.; Hartford, Conn.; Bangor, Me.; Newton, Mass.; Auburn, N. Y.; Hamilton, N. Y.; New York, N. Y.; Andover, Mass.; Washington, D. C.; Allegheny, Pa.; Chester, Pa. Detroit New-Church Society; Berlin New-Church Society			\$576.00	
Balance on hand			418.94	
1888.				
May	1.	Balance on hand		\$779.50
1889.				
Apr.	30.	Income credited		215.44
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			\$994.94	\$994.94

Potts Concordance Fund.

		DR.	CR.
1888.			
May.	Remitted Rev. A. Faraday	\$50.00	
June.	" Rev. A. Faraday	50.00	
July.	" Rev. A. Faraday	50.00	
1889.			
March.	" Rev. A. Faraday	50.00	
April.	" Rev. A. Faraday	150.00	
	Balance on hand	24.70	
May 18.	Received from Rev. S. M. Warren, Collections		\$83.95
	" " Rev. S. M. Warren, "		73.50
	" " Rev. S. M. Warren, "		17.25
June 5.	" " Rev. S. M. Warren, "		20.00
Nov. 10.	" " Rev. S. M. Warren, "		20.00
1889.			
April 11.	" " Rev. S. M. Warren, "		10.00
24.	" " Rice Fund		150.00
		<u>\$374.70</u>	<u>\$374.70</u>

Fund for Photo-Lithographing Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1888.			
May 1.	Amount of Subscriptions paid as reported . .	\$664.37	
	Cash received by Collections: —		
18.	W. N. Hobart	7.00	
	E. C. Mitchell	60.00	
	T. Hope, Providence Society	150.00	
	Mrs. J. G. Davis	150.00	
	Toronto Society	20.00	
	Bridgton, Me.	1.00	
	Pennsylvania General Church	162.00	
	Newton New-Church Society	6.60	
	Income credited	54.11	
	Balance on hand		<u>\$1,275.08</u>

Statement of Property on hand.

Cash	\$883.92
\$20,000 Bonds, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, 7 per cent., belonging to the Simpkins Fund . . .	20,000.00
\$1000 Bond, United States 4 per cent., belonging to Richards Fund	1,000.00
Mortgages, S. D. Garey, \$3,000, 5 per cent.	
C. E. Chester, \$5,000, 5 per cent.	
C. H. Pitman, \$2,200, 5 per cent.	
Amount carried forward	<u>\$21,883.92</u>

	Dr.	Cr.
<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$21,883.92	
Mortgages, R. H. Andrews, \$3,000, 6 per cent.		
G. P. Lapham, \$6,000, 5 per cent.		19,200.00
Representing the following Funds:—		
General Fund		\$533.85
Income of the White Fund		418.94
Wales Fund		5,000.00
Wilkins Fund		3,768.75
Jenkins Fund		2,000.00
Simpkins Fund		20,000.00
White Fund		4,500.00
Richards Fund		1,000.00
Photo-Lithographing Fund		1,275.08
Potts Fund		24.70
Swedenborg Memorial Fund		2,462.60
Legacy of Mrs. Frances R. Towne		100.00
	<u>\$41,083.92</u>	<u>\$41,083.92</u>

The method of keeping the Treasurer's account has been changed this year to meet the difficulty of holding each fund separately invested which is no longer desirable except in the case of the Simpkins and Richards Funds, the investment of which is prescribed by the wills.

During the year a legacy of \$100 was received from the estate of Mrs. Frances R. Towne, of Brookline, which is applicable to any of the uses of the Convention.

Notice has also been received of provisions under the will of M. C. Bissell, of Joliet, Ill., whereby the Convention is to receive an annuity of \$1,200 per annum, for twenty years, to be used for "publishing the New-Church Doctrine and Literature." At the end of twenty years the Convention is to receive \$60,000 in trust, one-half of which is to be set apart for the use and benefit of the "Swedenborg Publishing Association of Philadelphia" and the other half for "publishing New-Church Doctrine and Literature" "or else for such charities of the New Church as said Convention in its wisdom may think best to apply it." The Convention is also made residuary Trustee for any remainder of said estate; to be used "for general religious purposes in connection with the New-Church Doctrines"; and any lapsing legacies or devises are also to go to the Convention.

In view of the importance of this will to the Convention and also of possible contest or other complication, the Treasurer under advice retained the services of Judge Benj. Olin, of Joliet, to look after the interests of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

D. L. WEBSTER,
JAS. RICHARD CARTER, } *Auditors.*

NO. 3.—REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE Council has held three meetings since the last meeting of the Convention. Two at Boston after the session of last year, and one here in Washington on the 25th inst.

At the last named meeting it was voted that the action of the Sub-Committee of the Council in designating Washington as the place of meeting this year be approved.

The Sub-Committee on reprinting the old *Journals* reported as follows:—

“In accordance with the action of the Convention the General Council voted at a meeting held in Detroit, June 11, 1887, to reprint seventeen of the early *Journals* of the Convention, say from the first to the seventeenth inclusive, and entrusted the duty of printing and publishing to the Secretaries and the Treasurer. The cost was estimated at about \$600. After further consideration last year it was determined to proceed with the work. It was thought best to have the printing done in the printing office of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, to insure accuracy and faithfulness to the original *Journals*. The whole matter was divided into three parts, for publication in numbers. Parts I. and II. embracing the *Journals* numbered 1 to 13, from 1817 to 1831, inclusive, have been printed at a cost for Part I., containing 132 pages, of \$188.31; and for Part II., containing 145 pages, of \$206.55. The price of each part was fixed at fifty cents. Copies have been placed in the principal book rooms for sale; but few copies have yet been disposed of. It is hoped that members of the Convention and all who feel an interest in the history of the New Church in this country, will avail themselves of the opportunity to procure these reprints. The third part will be issued about the first day of August next.”

The following application was presented to the Council:—

*To the General Council of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem:—*

At a meeting held in the Church of the New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia, on April 25, 1889, an Association of New-Church Societies and isolated members, under the name of the Pennsylvania Association of the New Church, was duly organized, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted; “That the Association make application for membership in the General Convention of the New Jerusalem at its next meeting, to be held in Washington, on May 25.”

In accordance with this resolution we now present our application for admission into membership of the General Convention.

The Association is now composed of The First New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Union of the New Jerusalem, The Frankford Society of the New Church, The First New-Jerusalem Society of Allentown, The Vineland Society of the New Jerusalem, and other individual members.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President*.

The following resolution was then adopted :—

Resolved, That the application of the Pennsylvania Association for admission into the Convention be reported to the Convention by the Council, with the recommendation of the Council that the application be granted and the Association be received in the usual manner.

A communication was read from Mr. R. A. Keyes, of Chicago, in reference to the estate of M. C. Bissell, of Joliet, Ill. The Treasurer also made a statement on the same subject, reporting that he had authorized Judge Olin to act as legal counsel of the General Convention, which was approved. The Council then adopted the following resolution : That the Treasurer and Mr. R. A. Keyes be and they are hereby appointed a committee to act on behalf of the General Convention in the matter of the Bissell estate, with authority to employ legal counsel and make settlements with the Executors and Trustees of the estate and take such other action as in their opinion may be found necessary and expedient.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary*.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE General Council presents the following report :—

The Council has considered the Petition of E. S. Campbell and others, former members of the Advent Society, referred to it.

It appears to the Council that a thorough investigation of the case presented, in all its details of fact and principle, is hardly practicable and not likely to lead to the best results. In regard to the Rev. Mr. Tafel's position, he is a minister of the Pennsylvania Association of the New Church, which has been admitted into membership of the Convention, and remains a minister of the Convention in good standing, and entitled to respect and confidence in the Church.

At the session of the Council at which this petition was considered a written protest was received from ministers and delegates

of the General Church of Pennsylvania, present at this meeting, (excepting Bishop Benade), protesting against the consideration of this subject by the General Council rather than by the Council of Ministers. The protest was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the Council.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

NO. 4. — REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE classification and organization of the present Board of Directors is as follows : —

Term expires 1889.

R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.
Rev. J. C. AGER, of N. Y.
F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.
Rev. J. REED, of Mass.
R. M. PULSIFER, of Mass.

Term expires 1890.

Rev. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.
D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.
Rev. FRANK SEWALL, of Ohio.
MORDAUNT BODINE, of N. Y.
Rev. JOHN WHITEHEAD, of Pa.

Term expires 1891.

Rev. A. F. FROST, of Michigan.
Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.
H. C. SPENCER, of Washington.
C. H. ALLEN, of Ohio.
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.

Term expires 1892.

Rev. JABEZ FOX, of Washington.
E. A. GIBBENS, of New York.
Rev. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.
JAMES M. HILL, of Illinois.
WILLIAM McGEORGE, Jr., of Pa.

OFFICERS.

President. — RICHARD A. LEWIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary. — FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, of New-York City.

Treasurer. — MORDAUNT BODINE, of New-York City.

Executive Committee. — MESSRS. LEWIS, WORCESTER, BODINE, SEWARD, AGER, GIBBENS, COLTON, and McGEORGE.

Auditing Committee. — MESSRS. WORCESTER and COLTON.

The statement of the business finances of the Board for the past year is presented below : —

*General or Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund.**

Amount placed to the credit of this Fund to April 1, 1888	\$42,065.63	
Amount placed to the credit of this Fund from April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889.....	1,337.76	
Total Receipts		\$43,403.39
	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand April 2, 1888	\$1,037.51	
Subscriptions and Donations during year	487.70	
Proceeds of Emily J. Smith Legacy.....	850.06	
Interest on Richards Fund.....	40.00	
Interest on the Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund..	348.00	
Interest on <i>New-Church Messenger</i> Fund.....	443.15	
Transferred to Manager		\$2,382.70
Paid for Insurance.....		51.25
Cash in hands of Treasurer, April 1, 1889.....		772.47
	<u>\$3,206.42</u>	<u>\$3,206.42</u>

* It should be understood that the amounts heretofore placed to the credit of the "Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund" have been all expended.

New-Church Messenger Fund.

Total Subscriptions received by agent	\$21,350.91	
Interest received	443.15	
Uncollected Subscriptions, not yet due		\$5,938.00
Amounts invested, Lombard Mortgages		15,100.00
In agent's hands awaiting investment.....		312.91
Paid to Treasurer for use of <i>Messenger</i>		443.15
	<u>\$21,794.06</u>	<u>\$21,794.06</u>

The Mrs. Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund.

Principal of Fund donated.....	\$7,300.00	
Interest received	348.00	
Amounts invested		\$7,300.00
Interest paid in to General Fund		348.00
	<u>\$7,648.00</u>	<u>\$7,648.00</u>

Messenger Statement.

	DR.	
To Cost of Paper.....	\$1,207.87	
Printing and Typesetting	3,042.90	
Other Publication Expenses.....	869.68	
Editorial Expenses	2,766.91	
		<u>\$7,887.36</u>

Cr.	
By receipts from Subscriptions	\$5,758.86
" " Advertisements	240.01
" " Donations	72.70
Loss.....	1,815.79
	<u>\$7,887.36</u>
Subscription list of <i>Messenger</i> , April 1, 1889	2,524
Free List.....	240
Exchange List..	73
Surplus Copies, about.....	163
	<u>3,000</u>

Merchandise Statement.

Dr.	
To Merchandise inventoried April 1, 1888	\$3,734.80
" purchased from April 1, 1888, to March	
31, 1889.....	3,492.59
Expenses for the same time.....	2,270.37
Profit	52.46
	<u>\$9,550.22</u>
Cr.	
By Merchandise Sales April 1, 1888, to March 31, 1889 ..	\$4,211.65
" on hand, April 1, 1889, as per inventory..	5,338.57
	<u>\$9,550.22</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

Dr.	
Cash	\$760.07
Merchandise	5,338.57
Plates, Types, Fixtures, etc.	1,536.83
Accounts receivable.....	1,770.38
Assets in charge of Manager.....	9,405.85
" " " Treasurer	772.47
	<u>\$10,178.32</u>
Cr.	
Accounts payable.....	\$1,268.39
Net assets.....	8,909.93
	<u>\$10,178.32</u>

Summary of Income and Expenditure.

EXPENDITURE.	
By Treasurer's Payment.....	\$51.25
General Expenses..	123.68
Loss on <i>Messenger</i>	1,815.79
	<u>\$1,990.72</u>

INCOME.

Treasurer's Receipts	\$2,168.91		
Profit on Merchandise	52.46		
		\$2,221.37	
Net Gain for the year			<u>\$230.65</u>
Net assets April 1, 1889	\$8,909.93		
" " April 2, 1888	8,679.28		
			<u>\$230.65</u>

It will be seen that the merchandise department has been nominally self-sustaining during the past year, but that a considerable loss on the *Messenger* is apparent. Our business has been in a transition state; and it is hoped that another year's experience will enable our new manager, Dr. C. E. Prentiss, to make a better showing. He has brought into the business a degree of energy, intelligence, and affection which certainly ought to have that result.

In the *Messenger* accounts it will be noticed that the total cost has been \$687.72 less than last year. There has been a notable diminution of receipts from subscriptions, but a small increase in the receipts from advertisements.

The subscription list has been somewhat reduced from various causes, chief among which may be the effort made during the last year to ascertain who were "paying subscribers" and who were not, by sending out bills to all. Notwithstanding this, the entire loss on the *Messenger* during the year was \$95.43 less than the year before.

The Merchandise Statement shows a considerable decrease of sales. Some of this may be accounted for by the cheapened prices of some standard books, but more perhaps by the business depression of the year and increased competition. This has increased the stock on hand, and in the effort to keep a complete supply and large assortment of the books most in demand its value has been advanced. Outstanding accounts receivable are not so large as last year, but there are several comparatively large amounts due from associations and individuals, which ought to be in hand, for use in the business. The amount of accounts payable has been considerably reduced by payments made since April 1, 1889.

Incidentally, it might be added that in consequence of the increased donations and sales of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, and the labor attending their new plan of

advertising Swedenborg's Works, the work in the various departments has been much greater than heretofore.

An average of about 900 letters, etc., are received monthly, and about 1,000 are sent out.

Nearly 7,000 of the English tracts have been disposed of.

During the year the Board has printed 500 copies of the *Compendium*, 500 of the *Hosanna*, 500 each of the New York, Boston, and Psalter editions of the *Book of Worship*, including the Rites and Sacraments, 500 *Manual of Religious Instruction*, *Bible Series* No. II., and 500 *Earths in the Universe*. The price of the *Compendium* has been reduced to \$1.50.

The Lungerich Trustees report that they have printed during the year past from the plates of the Rotch edition, 2,000 copies of *Apocalypse Revealed*, and 2,000 *True Christian Religion*.

In November last the Board received from Mr. T. H. Carter, of Boston, a gift of the following stereotype plates, and books bound and unbound, namely, the stereotype plates of *The Divine Word*, *The Economy of the Animal Kingdom*, *The Worship and Love of God*, *The Spiritual Diary*, 1539-3427, Mr. Hyde's *Abridgement True Christian Religion*, the Convention's series of tracts, some copies of the *Diary* bound, and 100 unbound, and some bound of the *True Christian Religion*, and 200 of same in sheets. The Board accepted Mr. Carter's generous gift gratefully, and will make use of both plates and material as opportunity may offer.

Arrangements are being made for the reprint of Mr. Mann's *Sermons on Marriage*, and of Mr. Giles's *Juvenile Books*.

"THE MRS. LYDIA HELENA HAWORTH McDONALD FUND."

In July, 1888, the executor of Mrs. McDonald placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board the sum of \$7,300, invested in mortgages upon property in the State of Iowa, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent., "as a permanent fund, to be known as 'The Mrs. Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund,' the interest of which shall be devoted to the uses of the Board forever." The Board was authorized to continue the investment of the fund in securities of substantially the same kind as those in which it is now invested.

The Board has received the sum of \$850.06 as the net proceeds of the legacy of \$1,000 by Miss Emily J. Smith, of Baltimore. Some defect in the title of some of Miss Smith's estate made an

abatement of the legacy necessary. As this legacy was unrestricted, it, with several other small donations, was placed to the credit of "The Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund," and has been used for current expenses, and came in very opportunely to bridge over the time until the income from invested funds should become available.

Nothing has as yet been received from the White bequest. The Board has given Mr. McGeorge full power of attorney to represent it in the matter, and its interests are fully protected.

"THE NEW-CHURCH MESSENGER FUND."

This fund has been raised pursuant to a resolution appearing in Minute 30 of the Proceedings of the General Convention in Boston, in 1888, and was subscribed on the following terms : —

We, the undersigned, agree to subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names, to create a fund to be designated the "New-Church *Messenger* Fund," and to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Publication, or to send him a good six per cent. interest-paying security therefor. At our option the above amount may be paid in five annual instalments, the deferred payments, however, to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum. It being distinctly understood, however, that the money so subscribed is to be invested for the benefit of the New-Church *Messenger*, and the interest only expended for the use of this periodical.

The Board of Directors at its meeting in May, 1888, made Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., a special agent for raising and investing this fund ; and his energetic efforts have resulted in a total subscription of \$21,350.91, of which the sum of \$15,462.91 has been actually paid in, and \$15,100 invested in Western farm mortgages, guaranteed by the Lombard Investment Company, so as to yield hereafter an annual income of \$908.

F. J. WORCESTER, *Secretary*.

NO. 5. — REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Directors respectfully submit their annual report in conformity to the By-Laws.

It will be remembered that in the last annual report the Board called attention to the need of additional room for the accommodation of the school and the possibility of increasing its efficiency

by a new location, but stated that any change in this direction should be with the entire concurrence of the Managers and to carry out what the Board should deem for the good of the school. It was not then anticipated that the present report would announce the important step which the corporation has taken to provide the school a permanent home. The need of this provision continued under consideration in a general way, but the first definite action was taken Jan. 12, 1889, when Messrs. F. A. Dewson, D. L. Webster, and C. M. Reed were appointed a committee to have the matter of location under consideration, and especially to observe and report upon land in Cambridge available for that purpose. At the request of the above named committee, a special meeting of the Directors was held Feb. 16, at which the committee recommended the purchase of the Sparks estate at Cambridge if the way to do it could be seen. It is doubtful whether a single member of the Board came to that meeting confident that the way to make the purchase could be seen. The matter was very thoroughly considered. The President of the school explained the desire of those in charge of it that it should be established at Cambridge, and some reasons for the belief that the time had come when the effort to place it there upon a proper footing ought to be made. There was a strong desire on the part of all to ascertain what ought to be done, but no effort on the part of any to urge the measure against the conviction of others. The result was entire unanimity in the conclusion reached. The same committee were authorized to purchase the Sparks estate, and to make such temporary provision for payment as should be found expedient. Messrs. William McGeorge, Jr., F. A. Dewson, L. G. Lowe, and J. R. Carter were appointed a committee to raise money to pay for the property. March 23, the first named committee reported the purchase of the property for \$34,850 and an arrangement for \$20,000 of the purchase money to remain on mortgage for five years, with interest at four and one half per cent. per annum.

The estate purchased is in the immediate vicinity of Harvard University on the corner of Kirkland and Quincy Streets, contains about sixty thousand feet of land, and has on it a large dwelling-house well adapted to the present needs of the school for recitation and lecture rooms as well as a dormitory for students. By removing a partition between two large parlors, a convenient chapel is obtained which will seat comfortably one hundred persons, and in

case of necessity will accommodate a somewhat larger number. The buildings were in good condition, but required slight repairs and repainting. No material alterations were needed, and it is believed that all which is necessary, including adequate furnishing, will be effected at a cost not exceeding two thousand dollars.

The response from the Church in support of the movement has been of the most encouraging character, assuring those upon whom the responsibility of action rested that the time had indeed come when the step could be wisely taken and could be sustained. At the closing of the Treasurer's books, May 1, contributions had been paid in upon this account to the amount of \$11,203.64 and at the date of this report further subscriptions are made of \$1,185.25. We trust that before the session of the Convention is ended, it may be announced that the portion of the Endowment Fund temporarily invested in the Cambridge estate is restored, the repairs and furnishing provided for, and if it can be added that a good beginning has been made toward providing for the mortgage, it will not exceed what is earnestly desired.

The cost of maintaining the school for the year has been \$4,729.42, which is \$280.77 more than the payments of the previous year. The annual cost of the school upon the new basis at Cambridge will be more than heretofore, and the greater success it attains the larger will be its needs. While the excess of income over expenditure last year has been \$896.65, there is need that the income should be materially increased the coming year to meet the probable necessities of the school. If the Cambridge estate were fully paid for by special subscription, as we hope it may be, there would remain, outside of that investment, \$102,310, the income of which is applicable to the support of the Theological School. This includes all funds held for this purpose by the Convention, by other trustees, and by this corporation. It is a substantial endowment for which we are deeply grateful, but we earnestly hope to see the school outgrowing this provision at an early day, and desire to remind all who may have it in their power to aid us, that the need of further endowment is certain.

ALBERT MASON, *President.*

HENRY F. MAY, *Clerk.*

NO. 6. — REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

EDWARD A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Current Expense Account.

1888.

Dr.

May 26.	To Received from George Ropes, former Treas. :		
	Balance as per account rend. to Convention.	\$83.18	
	Interest on unpaid Subscription to May 1 ..	87.52	
	Interest on Deposit, New-England Trust Company	4.74	
			\$175.44
	Contributions :—		
	Newtonville Society	\$50.00	
	Abington Society	13.65	
	Rev. E. C. Mitchell	25.00	
	Rev. Joseph Pettée.....	50.00	
	Wm. McGeorge, Jr.....	100.00	
	Geo. Copeland.....	50.00	
	Lewis Ryder	50.00	
	Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell...	25.00	
			363.65
	Interest on Mortgages :—		
	George S. Woodman	275.00	
	Providence Society.....	250.00	
	John Briggs	275.00	
	O. D. Homer	300.00	
	Brookline Society	425.00	
			1,525.00
	Mass. New-Church Union, Income Lyman Clark Fund.....	562.50	
	F. A. Dewson, Trustee, Income Lydia Wor- cester Fund	1,000.00	
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer of New- Church Institute of Education :—		
	Income Eliza Jenkins Fund ..	\$100.00	
	Income M. G. Cary Fund ...	37.60	
			137.60
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer of General Convention :—		
	Income of Simpkins Fund ..	\$1,400.00	
	Income of Wales Fund.....	239.24	
	Income of Jenkins Fund.....	95.75	
	Income of Wilkins Fund.....	179.40	
			1,914.39
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$5,503.14	\$175.44

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>		\$5,503.14	\$175.44
Sales of Correspondence-School Notes	....	15.30	
Interest on Deposit, Bay State Trust Company to Dec. 26, 1888	.....	15.37	
		<u>15.37</u>	5,533.81
			<u>\$5,709.25</u>
1889.	CR.		
May 1. Paid for Stationery, Blank Books, and Printing.		\$50.42	
Rent of Rooms	.....	500.00	
Gas, Fuel, and care of Rooms	.....	104.16	
Furniture and repairs on same	.....	35.82	
Correspondence-School Notes	.....	16.25	
Compensation to Lecturers	.....	75.00	
Books for Library, and Binding	.....	78.95	
Insurance on Furniture, Books, and Plates	.....	21.79	
Insurance on Cambridge property	....	36.62	
Taxes on Chicago land	.....	118.21	
Interest on temporary loan, account Cambridge estate	.....	16.95	
Aid to Students	.....	846.00	
Salaries of Instructors	.....	2,812.50	
Rent of Safe and sundry Expenses	....	16.75	
		<u>4,729.42</u>	
Balance, deposited at Bay State Trust Company.			979.83
			<u>\$5,709.25</u>

Endowment Fund.

DR.

To Amount of this Fund as per Treasurer's last Annual Report	.....		\$31,370.00
Received of L. G. Lowe, Executor of Abraham T. Lowe	.....	\$3,000.00	
Received of C. A. E. Spamer, Legacy of Miss Emily J. Smith	.....	850.07	3,850.07
		<u>850.07</u>	
			<u>\$35,220.07</u>

CR.

Mortgage on Church, land, and parsonage, Brookline, Mass.	.....	\$8,500.00
Mortgage on house and land of O. D. Homer, West Newton, Mass.	.....	6,000.00
Mortgage on house and land of G. S. Woodman, Newtonville, Mass.	.....	5,500.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$20,000.00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$20,000.00	
Mortgage on Church property, Providence, R. I.	5,000.00	
Mortgage on House and land of John Briggs, Boston...	5,000.00	
Balance of unpaid Subscription	1,370.00	
Temporary investment in Cambridge estate	3,646.36	
Cash Balance on Deposit at Bay State Trust Company..	203.71	
	<u>203.71</u>	<u>\$35,220.07</u>

Cambridge Real-Estate Fund.

DR.

Sundry Contributions as per acknowledgments in New-Church <i>Messenger</i>	\$11,203.64	
Temporarily transferred from Endowment Fund, as above	3,646.36	
From F. A. Dewson, Trustee, temporary loan.....	7,500.00	
	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>\$22,350.00</u>

CR.

By Cash paid on account of purchase of Sparks estate at Cambridge.....	\$14,850.00	
Cash paid F. A. Dewson, temporary loan.....	7,500.00	
	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>\$22,350.00</u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 1, 1889.

Examined and approved.

F. A. DEWSON,	} <i>Finance</i>
JAS. RICHARD CARTER,	
	} <i>Committee.</i>

No. 7. — REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Executive Committee of the Board, in immediate charge of the School, has consisted of Messrs. Dike, Reed, Hinkley, Whiston, and Worcester. The Examining Committee was composed of Messrs. Hayden, Reed, Hinkley, Mann, and Gibbens. The report of the President concerning the work of the School is appended. The proposed removal of the School to the neighborhood of Harvard University is a subject of the deepest interest to the Board, involving as it does the possibility and the hope of an important development of the usefulness of the School to the Church. The history of the move, and the plans for the future, are detailed in the reports of the Directors and of the President, and need not be repeated here. But the Board would express its grateful sense of

the interest and support which the movement has called forth from the whole Church, and of the responsibility which such an expression of interest and hope throws upon all who have a part in the conduct of the School. The Church may feel assured that no effort on their part will be wanting to fulfil its generous anticipations.

The Board renominates Messrs. Ager, Sewall, Reed, and Whiston, whose term as members now expires.

SAMUEL F. DIKE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

FIVE students were in attendance at the School the first half of the year, and six have been present the latter half — Mr. C. A. Nussbaum having entered the School for a short time to prepare himself the better for his work in Paris. Of these, three complete their school work this year, namely, Messrs. Nussbaum, Rich, and Landenberger, and three remain for one or two more years.

The instructors of the School have been the same as heretofore. In the department of Church History, Dr. Dike has dwelt especially upon the preparation of the world for the Most Ancient Church ; but has followed the history of the Churches down to the time of Saul. Mr. Werren has had all the classes in the languages. Mr. Wright has attended to the preparation of sermons and lectures, and given informal lectures upon pastoral work. Mr. Ticknor has doubled his work for us this year, giving an exercise in the use of the singing voice every week, in addition to that in reading. In the department of Theology there has been no middle class, but the usual courses for the first and the third year have been pursued.

In addition to the regular teaching, a course of five informal lectures has been delivered by Rev. C. H. Mann, upon the Methods of Teaching and Illustrating the Doctrines of the New Church ; and a course of four lectures by Rev. S. S. Seward, upon the Lord's work of Saving men. Both of these were useful courses.

The opportunity unexpectedly offered of establishing the School in Cambridge, promises to be the beginning of an important development in the usefulness of the School. We hope that it will be the means of drawing to the service of the Church young men of intelligence and good education, as well as of earnest spiritual

character ; and that for such young men, who will not be obliged to begin their Theological education with the elements of science and languages, advanced courses of Scriptural study may be provided, which will be of use to the whole Church. We also are not without hope that the School will gradually become a means of diffusing something of the light of the Church among the educated men of all classes who form their habits of thought in Cambridge ; and thus will do something for the general enlightenment of the Christian world, as well as for the specific New Church.

The courses of instruction will be modified hereafter, with a view to gradual expansion as the students are qualified to profit by it. Mr. Wright will continue his care of the department of Homiletics and Pastoral Duties, and will add instruction in Sunday-school teaching, and in the introductory doctrinal works.

Regular training in the Correspondences and Representatives of the Scriptures will be established as a part of the department of Theology, with full application to the interpretation of the Word ; and as fast as practicable there will be added a thorough introduction to the spiritual sense of the several books of the Word.

A full course of study will thus be provided for students who come well prepared in the elements of Latin and Greek and of natural science, and only such as have received a college training or its equivalent will be considered as candidates for graduation. This will not prevent the School from making itself as useful as possible to those who come with less preparation. Such will be received as special students, and courses of study will be selected for them according to their needs and abilities, with a view to fitting them for the best possible usefulness to the Church.

The New-Church people in Cambridge and the Boston Society are coöperating cordially with the School in this important movement. About forty-five members of the Boston Society are residents of Cambridge, and there are nearly one hundred, old and young, to whom the New Church is their home. For the benefit of these, Rev. James Reed has been conducting services on Sunday afternoons through the past season in a public hall in Cambridge, which services are now held in the Chapel and Lecture-room of the School. The Rev. T. F. Wright, who, as Secretary of the Faculty, will have a local care of the School in Cambridge, receives a cordial welcome from those who are interested in these services, and will take charge of them in the fall, adding to them a Sunday school and evening lectures.

The first President of the Theological School, Rev. Thomas Worcester, appreciated the importance of the ultimate establishment of the School in Cambridge, but he always said that it ought not to go until there was a good New-Church Society there to support it. This essential condition was in the process of fulfillment before the present move was thought of, and it is an important one of the many indications that it is of the Lord's Providence that the trial should now be made.

It is with no light confidence that we undertake it, but with the belief that it is the Lord's work, and the hope that if we do our part faithfully — however unworthily — the Lord will establish the work of our hands.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President.*

NO. 8. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

IN their report of last year made to this body, the Trustees of the Building Fund reported that the little society at Crossville, Tenn., was about to pay off the mortgage for money advanced to that society to aid in building their little house of worship, and since that time this debt has been paid off in full. The whole transaction was a very satisfactory one, the interest was paid with great promptness by the Crossville Society, and the Trustees feel encouraged by their first venture in this business of lending money to help societies in erecting churches. They also stated in that report that they had agreed to lend the little society formed at Preston, on the eastern shore of Maryland, the sum of one thousand dollars to aid that society in erecting a house of worship. There have been some questions of title and other circumstances which have caused delay in this matter, and the money has only recently been advanced and the mortgage executed and delivered to the Trustees. This leaves a comparatively small balance in the treasury. The Trustees, however, would be glad to loan that to any society needing it, and are of the opinion that if there was an absolute necessity for a larger sum, an appeal to the Church at large by them would readily produce the amount needed.

The terms of George Ropes and William N. Hobart, two of the Trustees, expire this year, and it will be necessary to elect two Trustees to fill the vacancies, to serve three years.

Annexed is the Treasurer's itemized report of receipts and outlays. The amount therein mentioned as having been entrusted to William McGeorge, Jr., Esq., has been paid over by him to C. Augustus E. Spamer, Esq., in whose name as Trustee, and as a citizen of Maryland, the mortgage has been taken, in order to conform to some rather stringent provisions of the law of that State. Mr. Spamer has given to the Trustees a declaration in due form, acknowledging that he holds said mortgage only in trust for them, and has placed in their hands the mortgage which is dated April 22, 1889, the notes thereby secured, and other papers; and after submission of the same to the Trustees assembled at the session for 1889 in Washington, the mortgage has been accepted and sent for record. The Trustees desire to express their great appreciation of the services of their brother, Mr. Spamer, who attended to all the legal work without charge to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR., *Chairman.*

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

1888.			DR.	CR.
May 21.	To	Balance on hand per account rendered Convention.....	\$1,018.80	
	23.	Interest received from New-England Trust Company.....	1.90	
June 4.	Amount	Mortgage repaid by Crossville Society, Tenn.....	250.00	
		Interest from Crossville Society, Tenn.....	10.00	
1889.				
Apr. 29.	Interest	received from Mass. Loan and Trust Company to April 29, 1889.....	28.65	
Apr. 29.	By	Amount entrusted to Wm. McGeorge, Jr., for investment in a Mortgage upon the new Church now building at Preston, Md.....		\$1,000.00
May 21.	Balance	on hand deposited with the Mass. Loan and Trust Company.....		309.35
			<u>\$1,309.35</u>	<u>\$1,309.35</u>

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer.*

E. & O. E. BOSTON, May 21, 1889.

No. 9.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE RICE LEGACY.

D. L. WEBSTER, TRUSTEE, *in account with* THE RICE LEGACY.*Receipts.*

1888.			
May 12.	Cash Balance on hand, per report	\$500.41	
June 1.	Chicago, Kansas, & Western R. R. Coupon, 6 months to date	25.00	
26.	Interest, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, 6 months	2.86	
Oct. 2.	Marion and McPherson R. R. Coupon, 6 months to date	35.00	
2.	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Coupon, 6 months to date	35.00	
2.	First National Bank Dividend	144.00	
Dec. 10.	Chicago, Kansas, and Western R. R. Coupon, 6 months interest	25.00	
26.	Interest, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, 6 months	5.24	
1889.			
April 1.	Marion and McPherson R. R. Coupon, 6 months interest	35 00	
1.	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Coupon, 6 months interest	35.00	
1.	First National Bank Dividend	144.00	
			<u>\$986.51</u>

Disbursements.

1888.			
Aug. 16.	Cash: Kidder, Peabody, and Co., £10, 5s. 3d. at \$4.87 1-4, sent Rev. Arthur Faraday	\$50.00	
Sept. 14.	Mass. New-Church Union, books to — C. S. Sherman	9.75	
	Manchester Library	31.36	
22.	Kidder, Peabody, and Co., £10, 5s. at \$4.87 3-4, sent Rev. Arthur Faraday	50.00	
Dec. 8.	Kidder, Peabody, and Co., £20, 8s. 2d. at \$4.90, sent Rev. Arthur Faraday	100.00	
1889.			
Feb. 25.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books to — J. S. Reed	4.68	
	O. F. Fuller and L. B. Bissell	21.24	
25.	Labels for Books	2.00	
	Mass. New-Church Union, Books to — Young Men's Christian Association, Boston	9.75	
15.	E. A. Nelson	5.00	
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$283.78	

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$283.78
Feb. 25.	C. Doering	9.50
25.	G. H. Doyle	9.50
25.	C. A. Bjorck.....	9.50
25.	A. J. Cleare	9.50
25.	J. B. Spiers.....	9.50
25.	New-Jerusalem Magazine to F. Putnam and C. D. Rice	4.00
	Children's Magazine to F. Putnam and C. D. Rice ..	2.00
April 23.	F. A. Dewson for Rev. A. Faraday.....	150.00
April 25.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books to —	
	G. Reiche	37.10
	H. J. Clinker	12.39
	Rev. S. Jepson.....	2.48
	Balance of Account, on Deposit with Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.....	447.26
		<u>\$986.51</u>

Property of Rice Legacy, May 18, 1889.

24	Shares Stock First National Bank of Boston at \$200	\$4,800.00
1	Bond Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith Railroad Company, at \$113 and Interest.....	1,144.13
1	Bond Marion and McPherson Railroad Company, at \$113 and Interest	1,144.13
1	Bond Chicago, Kansas, and Western Railroad Company.....	930.42
	(All above Bonds guaranteed by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé Railroad Company.)	
	Cash Balance as above in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company...	447.26
		<u>\$8,465.94</u>

D. L. WEBSTER, *Trustee.*

Examined and approved.

F. A. DEWSON, *Auditor.*

NO. 10. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTCH LEGACY.

1888.

May 1. Balance of Cash on hand \$479.51

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society.....	\$286.56	
“ “ James R. Carter	300.00	
“ “ J. B. Wiggins	131.00	
“ “ A. D. Colby	135.00	
Interest on Bonds, Eastern Railroad Company....	180.00	
Dividend, Bank of Redemption	225.00	
Interest, New-England Trust Company .....	.60	
Sale of 5 Shares Bank of Redemption	672.50	
		<u>1,930.66</u>
		\$2,410.17

Payments.

Insurance.....	62.45	
Postage, etc.	9.12	
Paid on account Translating and Revision	1,968.12	
“ “ Plates of Arcana.....	250.00	
“ “ Legal Expenses.....	42.00	
		<u>\$2,331.69</u>
Balance of Cash on hand.....		<u>\$78.48</u>

Property on Hand.

Cash.....	\$78.48	
35 Shares Bank of Redemption	3,804.70	
\$3000 Bonds Eastern Railroad	2,782.50	
Mortgage, Portland Society of the N. J.	5,725.00	
“ J. B. Wiggins.....	2,200.00	
“ A. D. Colby	2,700.00	
“ J. R. Carter.....	6,000.00	
		<u>\$23,290.68</u>
Books, Plates, Manuscripts, etc., which Cost		<u>12,825.06</u>
		<u>\$36,115.74</u>

The work now in hand is progressing favorably. Chapters XII. to XIX. of the *Arcana* being already electrotyped, Chapters XX. to XL. ready for editorial revision, and the remaining chapters in the hands of the translators.

Besides this work upon the *Arcana* the work on *Heaven and Hell* is nearly ready for the printer and will probably be completed this fall. This will be followed by the *New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine, Earths in the Universe, Last Judgment and Con-*

tinuation, Divine Love and Wisdom, Intercourse between the Soul and the Body, and the Apocalypse Explained, all of which are ready for editorial revision.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, ALBERT MASON, HORACE P. CHANDLER, CHARLES M. REED.	}	Trustees.
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NO. 11. — REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE Council has held several sessions and is prepared to report on all subjects referred to it by the last Convention.

In reply to the memorial of Mr. Marston Niles (Minute 46, JOURNAL of 1888) it appears to the Council to be hardly within the province of the Convention to pronounce judgment upon particular points of doctrine, except as they relate to matters on which it must act as a body, inasmuch as doctrines are not settled by councils (T. C. R. 489), but are to be learned by study and from individual interpretation ; yet the memorial having been received and referred to the Council they have committed it to a sub-committee, whose report has been received and approved, and will be printed in one of the periodicals of the Church, where it can be consulted by those who are interested in the subject, and a copy of the same will be furnished to Mr. Niles.

In regard to Confirmation or Welcome to the Communion (Minute 86, JOURNAL 1888) the Council would report that it has fully considered the subject, and has secured from sub-committees reports as to the usages of various societies with their reasons therefor, the general result of which is that, while the Council does not regard this rite as bearing any comparison with the sacraments in importance, yet it considers it a very appropriate and useful observance for the public profession of faith in the doctrines by those who have been baptized ; but the Council does not see it to be advisable to present to Convention an extended communication on this topic, and therefore requests that it be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Convention referred to the Council the proposed amendment to the Constitution in regard to General Pastors (MINUTES 73, 77-80, 87, JOURNAL of 1888). The Council would report : Inasmuch as

the purpose in the adoption of the present order of the ministry of the Convention involved the idea of flexibility, so as to meet as far as possible the differing views represented in our various Associations ; and since the present rules taken as a whole, according to eminent legal authority, fail to meet this purpose and do not permit the freedom of action desired by the New York and Illinois Association, we therefore recommend the amendment of Art. V., Sect. 4, by inserting between the words " General Convention " in line 5 and " provided," the following : " But an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily vest the powers of General Pastor in its presiding minister or superintendent during his continuance in that office."

A proposed amendment to the Constitution was referred to the Council of Ministers by the Convention at its last session (see Minute 45, JOURNAL of 1888), which reads as follows : " Whenever either or any of the following words — ' member,' ' person,' ' minister,' ' pastor,' or ' delegate ' — occurs in the Constitution or By-Laws of this Convention, the name shall be taken to mean and apply to members, persons, ministers, pastors, or delegates of the male sex only, unless otherwise especially and unequivocally expressed."

The Council of Ministers having considered the question, would beg leave to report that in its opinion an amendment to the Constitution is unnecessary, for the following reasons : We would say, *First*, That if the amendment were adopted, as it is worded, it would remove women from membership in the Convention, a consummation not in accordance with the spirit or letter of the Doctrines, nor desired by any New-Churchman ; and as we have reason to believe was not contemplated by the mover of the amendment.

Second, The general terms of the Constitution are, and of right, ought to be, interpreted by the Doctrines of the Church, and so it is well to avoid adopting amendments to the Constitution except in cases of absolute necessity.

Third, As to the particular application of the proposed amendment to the question of delegates to the Convention, the Council would suggest that the Doctrines of the Church teach the duties of men and women. This teaching is, in general, that in the duties proper to the men, understanding, thought, and wisdom take the lead, and in the duties proper to the women, will, affection, and

love take the lead. (See *Conjugal Love*, n. 90, 91, 174, 175; *Index to Lost Work*, art. *Sex*.)

In the Convention, as in a family, there are duties in which understanding, thought, and wisdom take the lead; and there are duties in which will, affection, and love take the lead, or in other words, there are duties proper to the men and duties proper to the women. The former duties the Convention performs in its capacity as a deliberative body, in which the understanding predominates; the latter duties pertain to the social life of the body, in which the will or love predominates.

It is therefore the opinion of the Council of Ministers that the deliberative work of the Convention should be performed by men only, and that no others should be appointed as delegates; but that wives of delegates, and other women, should be recognized as members of the Convention, to perform their part in all those things in which will, affection, and love take the lead.

The Council mentioned in its report last year that its attention had been called to the subject of the proper wine to be used in the Holy Supper. The subject was placed in the hands of a sub-committee from which a report was received. The Council then voted that no further action be taken, but that the report be given to the public in such way as the committee may determine through the periodicals of the Church and otherwise.

The Council has also listened to a paper from Rev. W. H. Hinkley on the important subject of the relation of this Convention to organizations of the New Church abroad, and has requested Mr. Hinkley to present his paper to the Convention. It would recommend for the purpose of attaining the object brought forward in the paper that By-Law 21 be so amended that it shall read as follows:—

“There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention and nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.”

The Council would recommend that the following names be added to the list of ministers: Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt and Rev. Wm. M. MacIntosh; and to the list of authorized candidates, Francis T. Alba, Louis Rich, Louis C. Landenberger.

The Council has considered the subject of a book of worship for use by missionaries and little circles, and would recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a small liturgy or book of worship for missionary purposes is greatly needed, and that the Board of Publication is hereby requested to coöperate with the Convention in providing such a book for the Church.

Resolved, That in our judgment a book of this kind, judiciously prepared, so far from injuring the sale of the present liturgy, would in due time lead to an increased demand for it.

The Council has given attention to the subject of the work done in England by the Evidence Society, and has taken steps to promote the accomplishment of such work in this country. It has also provided for an annual address to be delivered to the ministers as was formerly done when they were organized as a Conference.

Rev. John Worcester having presented to the Council a paper on possible improvements in the responsive and musical portions of the Book of Worship, the Council voted that the paper be presented to Convention.

The Council also listened to papers upon the duty of ministers in regard to solemnizing marriages between parties of whom one or both has been legally divorced for reasons not recognized by the Church as sufficient, upon young men for the ministry, and upon the reasons for responding Amen to prayers.

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

NO. 12.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions presents its Annual Report as follows :—

In presenting this report to the Convention, the Board desires to express, at the outset, our sense of gratitude for the support we have received from the members of the New Church at the last and previous meetings of the Convention, and from numerous friends throughout the United States and Canada, and at the same time our hope that this support will be continued and increased. Without it we cannot succeed, as we find our labors are increasing as new fields are opening. If we have the assurance of the necessary means to carry on the work and the spiritual support of the Church, the Board

itself, as well as our faithful missionaries, will go forward with new hope and strength.

We have furnished from time to time in the *New-Church Messenger* very full reports of the operations of the Board, with detailed accounts of the actual work and experiences of our missionaries. It will not be necessary, therefore, to present these details at this time, more especially as, for the most part, the same districts have been occupied as in the last year. A summary statement, however, of both Home and Foreign operations is necessary.

Home.

The fields in which our missionaries have labored, or to which aid has been extended, are in the following States, namely, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, and in Washington Territory and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Aid has been extended to the Michigan Association to enable it to sustain the Rev. George Nelson Smith. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick but little has been done, the Rev. Mr. David spending only about a month in service in that field. It was thought that a missionary might be located at New Annan, in Nova Scotia, and supported by the people of the two Provinces aided by the Board, but after considerable correspondence with members of the New Church it was found to be impracticable. In naming Minnesota, we refer to a recent appropriation of fifty dollars to aid the Minneapolis Society to support Mr. David, who has recently become its pastor. Minneapolis is as yet somewhat of a missionary station, and our action in this instance must be regarded as somewhat exceptional. The Rev. Stephen Wood visited Washington Territory where there is great need of missionary labor. But the field is distant and the number of believers scattered. In Portland, Oregon, however, a society has been formed, and if a minister could be located there he might visit other places. An arrangement was made early last fall for the Rev. Gustave Reiche to locate in Topeka, the Rev. Mr. Higgins then being pastor of the Topeka Society. It was hoped that the former could supply the wants of Kansas and Missouri—acting in conjunction with Mr. Higgins. Mr. Reiche entered upon his work, but not long afterwards Mr. Higgins accepted a call to the pastorate of the St. Louis Society, thus leaving the Topeka Society without ministerial or pastoral service. Mr. Reiche was invited to preach for them for a limited term,

and finding his services very acceptable to the people the Society asked the coöperation of the Board in making a more permanent arrangement. It was found that the Receivers in Kansas were so much scattered and so little able to contribute to the support of the missionary that our first arrangement with Mr. Reiche was cancelled and he was employed jointly by the Topeka Society and this Board, each paying a moiety of his salary with the understanding that he would devote as much time as he could to the wants of the New-Church people elsewhere in Kansas and Missouri. This arrangement took effect on the first of January, and has thus far proved satisfactory, the Topeka Society being relieved from the fear of a temporary suspension of their services, with the usual weakening and sometimes disastrous results.

In Texas, the Rev. Mr. Wood performed good service for about four months, mostly in Galveston. He visited also Milano, Pearsall, Itasca, and Seguin, preaching, lecturing, baptizing, confirming, and administering the Holy Supper. His services were acceptable to all, and a desire has been expressed for his return in the fall. The Board has not abandoned the hope of securing the services of a minister for the whole field of Texas, to be located permanently at Galveston. The field awaits the laborer.

The Rev. Mr. Fox's extended missionary tour through south-western Virginia, and parts of Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida as far as Tallahassee, has been fully reported in the *Messenger*. The results were generally favorable, but it seems desirable in the future not to extend the labors of one man over so large a circuit.

The Rev. J. E. Smith has been aided to the same extent as last year in his work on the eastern shore of Maryland, where the results have been substantial. The Preston Society has come into full relations with the Church, and has erected a small house of worship. To remove Mr. Smith from this field would seem harmful at present, but if another could be found to take his place, a larger field awaits him further south.

In Savannah, there is the appearance of new growth and progress. The Society has taken steps to erect a house of worship which will probably be completed in the coming fall. Uniting the forces in Savannah and Jacksonville, a minister could be well supported. Funds have been pledged for this purpose, and we can only hope that a minister well adapted to this field can be found.

In Chattanooga, Rev. J. P. Smith still labors. Crossville, Tenn.,

has had but few visits from him of late. It looks as if all his time is needed for Chattanooga ; but, as in other cases, the Board will expect that Mr. Smith will not confine himself to this Society.

From the above brief statements it will be seen that the Board is pursuing the same course as it has done for three years past. The results are beginning to prove the wisdom of this course. Small societies are springing up in the South, and if we had three able ministers, one for Texas, Georgia, and Florida, respectively, to settle permanently, say at Galveston, Savannah, and Jacksonville, by concentration of effort they could be supported.

Foreign.

Turning now to the countries abroad, we can only repeat the story of last year with some variation. The light is spreading, but there is much surrounding gloom.

The labors of Signor Scocia have enlisted our hearty sympathy as they have that of the whole Church wherever known. We present herewith his report to the Board, remarking that his account of receipts does not include a second remittance of one hundred and fifty dollars, which was received after his report was written. We trust Signor Scocia will continue to receive the support which his self-sacrificing and arduous labors so richly deserve.

REPORT OF PROFESSOR SCOCIA, FOR THE YEAR 1888-89.

DEAR FRIENDS AND BROTHERS: The sincere interest you take in every effort tending to disseminate the New Church on earth, and especially the sympathy with which, for nearly twenty years, you have encouraged me to promote this sacred work in Italy, assure me that you will be pleased to receive a brief report of my labors.

The translation and publication of the precious Writings of Swedenborg in Italian ought to be, and always have been, as you know, my chief occupation. At present I am translating "The Four Leading Doctrines of the New Church." When this is finished, it will make, in all, twelve of the philosophical and theological works of our author that I shall have published in Italian.

In order to interest my fellow-countrymen in reading and understanding these profound works, it was necessary to publish contemporaneously other books and works of a more elementary and easily intelligible character, which might serve as introductory and explanatory treatises. For this purpose, besides the printing of a monthly periodical, I furnished a volume containing a popular exposition of our doctrines, and another on the "Life and Mission of Emanuel Swedenborg," with a catechism for the religious instruction of children; and lastly, twelve small treatises, five written by myself and seven by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, translated

into the Italian. By this means the sacred literature of the New Church has now reached, in works large and small, the number of forty volumes.

It is through these publications that I have been able to make in Italy an extensive propaganda, donating certain of these works to two hundred public libraries, who have received them with much satisfaction, and to one hundred and seventy-seven Roman Catholic priests, on condition of the prepayment of the postage, besides the copies bought by the subscribers to my periodical and those sold by booksellers and myself, amounting in all to more than three thousand.

From this it will be seen that the Heavenly Doctrines are being widely diffused in this country. Brilliant results you will not look for, knowing, as you do, that in any part of the world the effect of our labor can only be slow to appear. Moreover, one who knows the Italian people knows how little it is prepared to receive the new spiritual ideas which we present to them. These ideas meet with obstacles, not only in the indifference which prevails generally, but also in many old and venerated errors which prevent believing Catholics from examining a new religious doctrine differing from their own.

Notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances, I have had the great satisfaction of finding in various cities of Italy not a few admirers and receivers of our Heavenly Doctrines. These number about one hundred, all of them being subscribers to my periodical, and with them all I have therefore been in epistolary correspondence. They number among them Catholic priests, professors of lyceums and universities, deputies to the national parliament, magistrates and civil officers, merchants, etc. I may especially name Sicily as the region where there is the greatest readiness to receive the new doctrines, and where our friends are most numerous. In Partinico, province of Palermo, and in Mineo, province of Catania, the most cultivated and intelligent of the people are readers of the works of Swedenborg.

It was in consequence of such religious interest that a certain gentleman of the city of Mineo, Signor Luigi Capuana by name, a writer well known in all Italy, and highly esteemed, has, during the past year, undertaken to write a biographical and expository work on Swedenborg. He desired to prepare himself for this work by reading all the writings of our great author, and begged me to assist him in procuring them. The worthy committee of the Swedenborg Society of London, as soon as they were informed by me of this wish, responded, in view of the excellence of the use, by a donation of all the works of Swedenborg — partly in Latin, partly in French. In connection with this generous act of our brothers in London, I am happy to be able to express, together with my own, the gratitude of Signor Capuana, at his special request.

The new biography and exposition of Swedenborg is already in hand, and according to the author's letter of last October, he hoped that in a year or somewhat more it would be ready for the press. I trust that this new publication will contribute, as says Signor Capuana himself, "to render better known in Italy the name and the doctrines of the great Swede."

At present I am making a new effort to extend, as far as possible, the light of the New Jerusalem among the Roman Catholic clergy. For this purpose I have had printed an analytical catalogue of all the works, thus far published in Italian, on the New Church. This catalogue will be sent to the Catholic priests, together with my circular letter, in which I offer them, as a gift, a copy of *The True Chris-*

tian Religion, by Swedenborg, on the pre-payment only of the necessary postage expenses. At the same time I inform them that the other works will be sold exceptionally to every theologian at one half of the price named in the said catalogue. Within the few days since I began to send out my circular and catalogue, I have already received requests from several priests. I hope that this new effort when completed will meet with some success among the clergy of Italy, in whose ranks, together with many who are fanatic and intolerant, are nevertheless good, learned, and intelligent men. These are the good ground, and the seed which falls in it will spring up and bear fruit in its season.

During the past winter, a company of American and English ladies and gentlemen, friends of the New Church, have resided in Florence, some for a few days and others for some months. I may mention among these the Rev. Frank Sewall, my true friend and the able advocate of the Italian mission, with his entire family; the Rev. Dr. Hibbard and his family; Mr. H. C. Thacher, of Boston, with his family; Mr. and Mrs. Prince, also of Boston; Mrs. Dr. I. Edward Clark, of New York; the Rev. Wm. A. Presland, of Accrington, England; and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fairlie, of Glasgow, Scotland. The house of the Rev. Mr. Sewall has been the place where, regularly every Sunday, we have met for worship of the Lord—a worship eminently instructive and full of holy joy, whose edifying influence was also increased by the beautiful chants ably sung by the Misses Sewall. Already some of our little congregation have left Florence, and others are preparing for their departure, and in a few days myself and my wife will be sensible of a great void about us. We part from these our dear friends with the sincerest wishes and lively hope that we may soon meet again, assuring them that the pleasure which their welcome visit and dear companionship have given us is one that we can never forget.

The contributions received by me in the current year for the missionary work are the following:—

From the American Board of Missions	\$150.00
the English Conference Committee (£50)	250.00
Christmas Communion offering of the congregation in Florence (<i>Lit.</i> 72)	12.50
Mr. Isaac Brook, of Manchester, Jamaica, (£2, sterling)	10.00
Mrs. M. I. Hoskins, of Boston	5.00
Mr. H. C. Thacher, of Boston	10.00
Mrs. Dr. I. Edw. Clark, of New York	10.00
Mr. H. C. Fairlie, of Glasgow (£5, sterling)	25.00
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	\$472.50

I desire to express my lively and sincere gratitude to all my kind and generous friends who, with such unchanging confidence and benevolence, have sustained and encouraged me in my arduous work. This my work has been, and is, to prepare the way for the second coming of the Lord in the minds and hearts of my fellow-countrymen by means of the translation and circulation of the writings of the New Church, and by every other enlightened and prudent mode of propaganda, taking care before all not to hurt prejudices but to convince the intelligence by the

gentle and peaceful persuasion of the truth. Only in this manner can we merit the respect and win the attention of serious people, and convert every attentive and receptive reader into a valiant proclaimer of the Heavenly Doctrines. This is my work. Conscious of my insufficiency, I confide wholly in the Divine assistance of the Lord.

With sincere gratitude, I remain, dear friends and brothers,

Your devoted servant in the good cause,

LORETO SCOCIA.

FLORENCE, ITALY, April 20, 1889.

In Copenhagen there is some improvement to note. The friends there have secured a place of worship which seems adapted to their wants, and the Board has agreed to pay a part of the rent, and to contribute annually the usual amount (\$150) to the Rev. Mr. Winslow's maintenance.

The following letter from Mr. Winslow has just been received :—

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary.

DEAR BROTHER:—I have now been working six months at our new place of worship, and feel thankful for the results thus far obtained. We have had the pleasure of seeing many strangers amongst us, of whom not a few—about twenty persons—have either fully joined us or may be counted upon as earnest receivers. We have evidently entered upon, as it were, a new course of life. Amongst those fully belonging to us there are three young men, who bid fair to become of great use to the society in future. One of them, Mr. Charles Fleming, used to come and hear me preach already while we were assembling at the former place of worship, but it is only during the last six months that he may be said to have embraced the New-Church doctrines with his whole heart and mind. During this same time—the last six months—he has been our organist and also participated in the Sunday School work. Mr. Fleming, now twenty-five years of age, has received a thorough classical education, and it is his highest wish to become a minister in the Lord's New Church. I do not know how he may turn out as a speaker, but his literary capabilities are undeniable. He has already translated Swedenborg's *Earths in the Universe* into Danish, and hopes he may live to see it printed some day. In order to introduce him to the members of the New Church here and in Sweden, and thus possibly to create a more general interest in him, I inserted in the last number of my monthly paper an able article written by him, in which New-Church principles are applied to the art or science of music, with which he has occupied himself much. Like the rest of us he is very poor. If he succeeds in obtaining the necessary funds—which now, however, seems a good deal more doubtful than it did some little while ago—he wants to go to Cambridge, Mass., and study at the New-Church Theological School there. I wrote to Rev. T. F. Wright about this matter a little while ago and have had the pleasure in return to receive a very kind letter from him, in which he says amongst other things, that Rev. John Worcester, the President of the School, was very favorable to Mr. Fleming coming.

We all sincerely hope the Lord will bless his endeavors and enable him to come over to you and stay at Cambridge at least a year or two before commencing his missionary work here.

Our New-Church publications which for many years have been stored away at different places in the city, have now all been brought together and piled up in our new meeting hall, a smaller part of which has been partitioned off for that purpose. They consist of what remains of the following translations of Swedenborg's works and other New-Church writings.

A. Published by Rev. A. T. Boyesen (at the expense of the church in England and America): *The New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine*; *The Last Judgment*; *The Divine Love and Wisdom*; *The True Christian Religion*, Vol. I. (Numbers 1-462).

B. Published by the late Baron Dirckinck-Holmfeld (at his own expense): *Doctrine of the Lord*; *Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture* (only a few copies left); *Doctrine of Life*; *Doctrine of Faith*; *Brief Exposition of the Heavenly Doctrine*.

C. Published at the expense of the Copenhagen Society; 1, by A. Hellemann: *Dansk Nykirketidende*, 1877-78. 2, by W. Winslow: *Heaven and Hell*; *Giles on the Atonement*; *Salem*, New-Church monthly, 4 years; *Fremtiden*, New-Church monthly, 2 years; *Nykirkeligt Sendebud*, now in its 2d year; *Hymns*.

To this I would here add the information that *three* more translations of New-Church works—not under our control—have been published in the Danish language:

Swedenborg, the Spiritual Columbus, translated by M. Brynjulfsson and W. Winslow; *Giles's Nature of Spirit*, translated by M. Brynjulfsson; Dr. Bayley's *Brighton Lectures*, published in Norway, translator unknown.

Since January this year, I have twice administered the Holy Supper to about thirty or forty persons each time, and during the same period baptized five children.

Once a month we have a sociable meeting at the hall. These meetings have so far been much enjoyed by all of us. After tea has been served, I have delivered a lecture upon some topic previously proposed to me, or read and commented on some part of one of Swedenborg's works—manifestly to the satisfaction of those present, to judge from the various remarks and questions which have followed.

As matters here are commencing to assume a new and more hopeful aspect, we sincerely hope that the Board of Home and Foreign Missions will be kind enough if possible, to extend to us for the coming year the same assistance that has been kindly granted us this year. Valuable elements, indeed, are being added from time to time to the society, but they will be found invariably to belong to the poorer classes. As this cannot be expected to be otherwise for a long time yet to come—owing partly to the influence of the State Church, partly to individual prejudice or religious indifference—it follows as a sad necessity that we must still petition our brethren abroad to kindly assist us in overcoming our difficulties.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. WINSLOW.

No. 6 Sindshvilevej, Frederiksberg 1, DENMARK.

April 30, 1889.

(N. B. From England this society has received no aid towards the payment of hall-rent).

In Sweden, the Rev. Mr. Manby ministers to his own Society at Gottenburg and to one of those at Stockholm, the Rev. Mr. Boyesen ministering to the other. Mr. Manby performs considerable missionary labor at several places on his trips to and from the cities above named, and Mr. Boyesen does some work in the summer of a missionary character. In accordance with the vote of the Convention last year, we have appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars to each of these ministers for labors thus performed. It is proper to say, however, that the Board deplores the want of union and harmony in the New Church in Sweden, and would be glad to see a better state of things prevailing. Communications from the Rev. Mr. Boyesen and the Rev. Mr. Manby and others follow herein.

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the New Church in the United States of America:—

DEAR BRETHREN: We are glad of being able to report to you, dear friends, that we have continued our work of spreading knowledge of the Lord's New Church in our country and that our congregation slowly is increasing, although several of its members have emigrated to foreign countries and specially to the United States of America.

Divine services have been held all the Sundays and holidays during almost the whole year, and also part of the winter one week-day evening. The attendance has been very good, generally from two hundred to four hundred persons, and at the great festivals our place of worship, together with siderooms and galleries, has been crowded with very attentive hearers.

The Holy Supper has been administered to many at the great festivals, not only to members of our congregation, but even to others. It is very encouraging that on Easter Monday the number of communicants was the largest that ever it has been with us, being about seventy persons.

Our Sunday School has continued the great work of preparing children for confirmation, and their number has considerably increased. But it is very deplorable that those parents, who more or less are dependent of the old Church, let their children be confirmed in that Church, although they have been taught the doctrines of the New Church in our Sunday School.

Books and tracts have been sold and lent out after service on Sundays. One of the members has kindly enabled us to publish several tracts, which partly have been sold and partly given gratuitously to those who desired to get them.

Missionary trips have been made to many parts of the country and the attendance at the lectures has always been very satisfactory and encouraging. In Carlsbad, the city of Vermland, a little New-Church Society has been formed that coöperates with our congregation in Stockholm. Our monthly paper *Härolden*, or the Messenger of the New Church, together with tracts has as usual been distributed gratuitously after every lecture. Although our pecuniary means are very limited we have formed several small circulating libraries of New-Church books in different parts of the country, and we are glad that many avail themselves of the opportunity to read them.

The Union of Peace (*Fridsförbundet*) which now consists of about one hundred of the members of our congregation, has with growing interest and success labored to support our work in the Lord's New Church, and it is for a great deal owing to the warm-hearted interest of its members and friends that we have been enabled to continue our great work during the years of our troubles and afflictions.

Our noble friend, Dr. John Ellis, of New York, who has enabled us to stereotype *The True Christian Religion*, has kindly sent this great work to all those Swedish ministers who wanted to get it by sending to me the postage, eighty-four öre. Only about one hundred of the twenty-five hundred ministers in Sweden have sent the postage and asked to get this wonderful law book of heaven and earth, but the reason is that the most part of them dare not ask for it. This seems to be clear from the circumstance that some of the ministers have through their friends asked me to get the book without mentioning their names. We may, therefore, make the conclusion that it would be of incalculable results to the Swedish people, if this grand, doctrinal work could be sent to all the ministers in the country. The generous Dr. Ellis who kindly has sent his book, *Skepticism and Divine Revelation* to all the ministers both in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, to all the members of the Swedish Parliament, and even to all the physicians in the country will may be, as we hope, enable us to send *The True Christian Religion* to all the ministers in Sweden. We know from the writings of the Church that this is the way to impart to people in general those heavenly truths which the Lord has given us.

Thanking you heartily for the brotherly kindness, which you show towards us, we pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon the General Convention, and upon His New Church in America.

On behalf of the New Church congregation in Stockholm,

Sincerely and affectionately,

April, 1889.

A. BOYESEN.

*To the Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions,
Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Boston :*

IT is a known fact in the history of the New Church in Sweden, that in the spring of the year 1885 a division took place within the same church. When the societies in Stockholm and Gottenburg were deliberating a plan of organization, in order to be recognized by the State, Rev. Boyesen, with wife and fourteen other members, went to the Government with a plan of his own, without submitting it to the approval of his society in Stockholm, aiming thereby to forestall the movement of the society. Because the plurality of responsible members of the societies in Stockholm and Gottenburg could not accept this plan of organization of Rev. Boyesen, they continued their exertions for establishing another organization until May 13, 1887, when their plan was sanctioned by the king. After this time we have two legal church organizations in Sweden; the one formed by Rev. Boyesen, with a society in Stockholm; the other, whose minister has been Rev. Manby, with two societies, namely, in Stockholm and Gottenburg, of which the one in Stockholm is the legalized congregation.

Four years have now elapsed since this division arose. During summer vacations Rev. Manby has made missionary travels to different parts of Sweden, and

during the other time he has ministered alternately in Stockholm and in Gottenburg. In consequence of this, the society in Stockholm has enjoyed regular worship, conducted by a minister, only three or four months yearly, and the society in Gottenburg only slightly more. We need not expound before you that the societies will not prosper in want of regular worship. The society in Gottenburg was in a very promising state when Rev. Manby ministered unto them continually. Of course we believe it yet to be so, but the number of members has increased only very slowly. In Stockholm have the newcomers, gathered during the presence here of Rev. Manby, been scattered during his absence, when the ministering in our Society could not be continued. This state of things is detrimental not only in respect to the growth of the Church, but also as to the elder persistent members of our societies, who during the greater part of the year are as sheep without a shepherd, and, even if not scattered, are not properly fed. The mentioned facts are some of the reasons which have impelled the undersigned to exert themselves in procuring another minister, in order that worship may be supported continually in both the societies of our constitution, namely in Stockholm and Gottenburg.

Here in Sweden, we have no suitable candidate for the holy office; and beside the personal want there is also a pecuniary one. Since our means have been divided, we will find some difficulties, at least in the beginning, to support two ministers, paying rent for worship rooms, editing the periodical, etc. But we are of opinion that this difficulty will be only transitory, and that regular worship will also cause the necessary means to flow in, that both our societies will be able to support themselves.

Now well knowing and thankfully remembering the great interest the American New Church is taking in all the concerns of the New Church in Sweden, whereof we recently have had a most encouraging proof, and having learned, that in the Theological School of the Convention, a Swedish gentleman, Mr. Albert Bjorck, is graduating to the ministry, our thoughts have been directed to our American friends, in order to have this important question of ours settled. We therefore beg you, dear and reverend friend, kindly to bring our needs before the Board of Missions, and request its members to take them into consideration.

And now allow us humbly to make a proposition, and point out what we believe would be, perhaps, best fitted for the present circumstances. We will express it so. Let the New Church in America send over to Sweden the before-named gentleman — if, as we sincerely hope, he kindly will undertake the charge — as a missionary for one year, from the first of September next, but with the expressed purpose, mainly to minister in Stockholm. Thus you would assist us, and the missionary sent by you would secure a regard not to be attained otherwise, from the whole New Church in Sweden, and would act as a connecting link between our two organizations, which, we doubt not in future will be not mingled together, but associated under a higher and common unity.

After the lapse of one year, it would be our wish, all parties agreeing, to have our new minister ordained in accordance with our constitution.

We should be very thankful if the question could be brought before the General Convention at its next meeting in May, because we hardly can keep the flock gathered another year, without one more minister.

What a great gain for the cause at large in our country — not only for the socie-

ties most interested — if we each have one more worker, we need not repeat. The two ministers could perform much more missionary work in the country without Stockholm and Gottenburg, and we are of opinion that at least two missionaries will most usefully devote their whole time the year round only by travelling from town to town, preaching the gospel of our Lord's New Church.

And now we confidently commit this, for us, much important errand in your hands, dear sir, begging you to bring the Board our best wishes.

Respectfully and affectionately yours in behalf of the Council of the Congregation of the Swedish New Church,

C. J. N. MANBY,
EDW. ABRAHAMSEN,
OTTO MURRAY,
EDWARD TULK,
F. J. BELLSTRÖM.

The Executive Committee of the Society of Believers of the New Church,

OTTO MURRAY,
M. WENNMANN,
Z. FALK,
C. J. N. MANBY,
EDWARD TULK.

STOCKHOLM, April 29, 1889.

J. L. TILANDER, *Secretary*.

We have not received any communication from the "New-Church Swiss Union" since the last meeting of the Convention. It is probable, however, that our Swiss brethren will address the Convention directly.

Finances.

In regard to the finances of the Board, it will be seen that the total amount of ordinary receipts are smaller than those of last year, and that the balance on hand is only \$346.44. This shows the need of greater effort on the part of our friends to sustain this use. The demand upon our resources constantly increases, and our income ought to increase in a corresponding ratio. In accordance with a vote of the Convention last year, the sum of one thousand dollars was set apart as an Endowment Fund, in expectation of the receipt of a like amount from the estate of Miss Emily Smith, of Baltimore. Owing to a loss sustained by the estate, the full amount was not realized. Only \$850.06 has been received from the estate. Out of the Endowment Fund the sum of \$918.12 has been invested in Chicago, Kansas, and Western five per cent. bonds, on which interest to the amount of \$12.50 has already been received.

The account of the Treasurer, herewith annexed, gives a full state-

ment of receipts and expenditures, and shows the amounts paid to our missionaries and for the expenses of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

BOSTON, May 15, 1889.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

E. A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1888.

Dr.

May 15.	To Balance on hand, as per account rendered to Convention	\$1,336.37
	Amounts received as per monthly statements in New-Church Messenger:—	
	Contributions for general purposes not specifically designated by Contributors . .	\$1,748.25
	For General Home Missions	594.00
	J. E. Smith's general work	10.00
	J. E. Smith's Savannah work	100.00
	J. E. Smith's Jacksonville work	50.00
	Texas	4.00
	Stephen Wood's Galveston work	65.00
	Southern Home Missions	6.00
	Kansas	3.00
	J. S. David's Nova Scotia work	18.00
	General Foreign Missions	224.00
	Loreto Scotia	17.00
	Italian Mission	48.50
	Swiss Mission	3.00
	Denmark	7.00
	Society in Copenhagen	25.00
	William Winslow	30.00
	Sweden	49.00
	Scandinavian Mission	2.00
	Distributing <i>Divine Love and Wisdom</i>	5.00
	Distributing Tracts	5.00
	Legacy from Estate of Emily J. Smith, Baltimore	350.06
	Interest from Endowment Fund	12.50
	Interest on Deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	22.15
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		\$3,398.46
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		<u>\$4,734.83</u>

1889.

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May 10. By amounts paid to date, as follows:—

Rev. J. P. Smith, Salary 9 months to Feb. 28 .	\$375.00	
Rev. Stephen Wood, 4 months' Salary . . .	400.00	
Rev. Stephen Wood, travelling expenses . .	138.56	
Rev. Jabez Fox, 5 months' Salary	500.00	
Rev. Jabez Fox, travelling expenses	149.25	
Rev. G. Reiche, Salary	273.34	
Rev. G. Reiche, Expenses	2.10	
Rev. S. M. Tidwell, work in Georgia	25.00	
Rev. J. E. Smith, work on Eastern Shore, Md.	200.00	
Rev. J. E. Smith, work in Georgia and Florida	300.00	
Rev. J. E. Smith, Expenses	75.40	
For work in Michigan Association	100.00	
For work in Ohio and Indiana	50.00	
Rev. T. F. Wright, Salary and expenses at South	200.00	
Assistance to Minneapolis Society	50.00	
For work in Canada Association	100.00	
Rev. William Winslow	75.00	
Loreto Scotia	300.00	
Rev. J. S. David, work in Nova Scotia . . .	100.00	
On account of rent of chapel at Copenhagen .	25.00	
Rev. A. T. Boyesen	150.00	
Rev. C. J. N. Manby	150.00	
Printing Report of 1888	43.07	
Stationery, postage, and sundry printing . .	54.71	
Books sent to sundry persons	44.74	
Accrued interest of bonds purchased	7.22	
Amount transferred to Endowment Fund by order of the Board	500.00	
		\$4,388.39
Balance on hand, deposited at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		346.44
		<u>\$4,734.83</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1888.

DR.

Aug. 6. To Amount transferred from Current Expense Ac- count, as above reported	\$500.00	
Amount received from estate of Miss Emily J. Smith, of Baltimore	500.00	
		<u>\$1,000.00</u>

1888.	CR.	
Aug. 6.	By cost of \$500 C. K. & W. 5 per cent Bond . . .	\$476.87
1889.		
Jan. 10.	cost of \$500 C. K. & W. 5 per cent Bond . . .	441.25
	Balance on deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and	
	Trust Co.	81.88
		<u>\$1,000.00</u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer*.

BOSTON, May 10, 1889.

Examined and approved.

F. A. DEWSON, *Auditor*.

NO. 13. — REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

THE Committee on the Publication of the Manuscripts of Swedenborg reports that the Committee has been unable to take any steps towards the publication of the manuscripts of Swedenborg, the Committee appointed to collect subscriptions for this purpose not having reported "an amount sufficient to warrant the commencement of the work." (JOURNAL for 1888, No. 93.) The Committee, however, is not totally unprepared to begin making arrangements for the work. During a visit to Stockholm in the summer of the past year, the chairman was enabled to make certain examinations, and to obtain certain information, which will render it possible for the Committee to proceed in the matter without delay, whenever it shall be notified that a sufficient amount of money has been subscribed and collected.

Dr. Lindhagen, the courteous secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, was pleased to learn that the General Convention of the New Church in this country, in conjunction with the English Conference of the New Church, contemplated the completion of the photo-lithographing of the manuscripts, which was commenced some years ago under the conduct of Dr. R. L. Tafel. Permission to use the manuscripts preserved in the library of the academy for this purpose was granted in a most friendly and liberal spirit, on the sole condition that the work should be done in Stockholm. The learned and amiable librarian, Mr. Ahlstrand, who had taken a deep interest in the labors of Dr. Tafel, afforded every facility for an examination of the manuscripts. As these manu-

scripts are objects of great solicitude to him, and need to be carefully prepared for the photo-lithographer, a preparation which he was unwilling to commit to other hands, he made the very reasonable request that we might so order the commencement of the work, that he would not be deprived of the much needed rest of his summer vacation. He would require for the preparation of the manuscripts a month or six weeks of time, and desired that this time be made to fall either in the early spring, or in the autumn of the year.

It was found that Stockholm possesses ample and excellent facilities for the work in view. Estimates of the cost of such a work were obtained from three well-recommended companies, under the assurance that it should be done in a style and of a quality quite equal if not superior to that produced under the editorship of Dr. Tafel. Specimens of work done by the company under the management of Mr. Börtzell, who is highly recommended by Baron Nordenskjöld; by another, under the conduct of Mr. Cederquist, recommended by Mr. Klemming, librarian in the Royal Academy of Stockholm, who, it may be remarked, is making for his library a complete collection of the publications of the New Church; and by a third company managed by Mr. Jaeger, and recommended by the officers of the Royal Museum, are in the hands of your Committee.

The estimates of the cost of the work furnished by these three companies differ somewhat, but not so greatly as to preclude the possibility of their being equalized, should it be deemed advisable to apportion the work between the three, or between two of them, for the sake of expediting its completion.

In making the examination of the manuscripts the chairman of your Committee had the valuable assistance of Rev. E. S. Price, his travelling companion. A list of the manuscripts to be photo-lithographed, with the number of pages, is here added. Some of these works were published by Swedenborg, others have not been in the hands of the printer.

I. THEOLOGICAL MANUSCRIPTS.

	PAGES
1. Arcana Cœlestia, Genesis lacks Chapters i. to xv.; Exodus complete . . .	6326
Arcana Cœlestia, <i>varia</i> — a small volume containing Chapter xxii. of Genesis — Nos. 2760-2893, and Chapters xxvi. to xxviii.	102
Index to Arcana Cœlestia, A to Z, 2 volumes.	448
Total	<u>6876</u>

2. Summary Exposition of the Internal sense of the Prophets and Psalms..	132
3. Tract on Marriage (De Conjugio).....	20
Total.....	152
4. Adversaria, Vols. I.-VI. (Codex 61)	3565
5. Memorabilia (Spiritual Diary), (begins with No. 149) and Index,.....	2754
6. Index Biblicus (?)	1564
7. Index to Apocalypse Revealed	28
8. Small volume of Theological matter (Codex 48)	220
9. Small volume (Codex 46) treating of the Apostles, of the Coming of the Lord, etc.....	36
10. Schmidius's Latin translation of the Sacred Scriptures — the I. and II. Books of Samuel.....	52
Total.....	8219

II. INTERMEDIATE WORKS.

1. Hieroglyphic Key.....	48
2. Third part of the Love and Worship of God	23
Total.....	71

III. SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

1. (Codices) Vols. 53, 54, 56.....	587
2. Vols. 57, 58, 65	2348
Total.....	2935
3. Vols. 74, 75, 81, 82, 83	1996
4. Vols. 84, 86, 87, 88, 89	2057
Total.....	4053
Sum total of pages, 22,306.	

It is to be noted that many pages counted as two in the above enumeration are written in double columns. These will be photolithographed severally as one page.

The manuscripts enumerated, as is well known, do not contain the works published by Swedenborg in Holland. It is to be hoped that these may be found, perhaps in some such unexpected way as was the copy of the small work, *The Summary Exposition of the Doctrine*, on the cover of which was written by Divine command, *Adventus Domini*.

On two visits to Holland the chairman of your Committee made diligent search for the missing manuscripts in the larger and smaller public libraries but without result. It is his purpose to

make a third and last attempt this summer, and to direct his attention to the private libraries of the country.

During the past year the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society has gone on with its work of reprinting the works in the Latin under the careful editing of the Rev. S. H. Worcester. The tenth volume has been printed and is in the binder's hands. This contains the *Four Doctrines* and the *De Ultimo Judio* and the *Continuation*. The *De Amore Conjugiali* is also all stereotyped except the table of contents and about one third of the *De Coelo et Inferno* is in type. During the year, 17 sets, or 153 volumes, of these reprints have been placed in New-Church libraries and the libraries of theological seminaries at the expense of the income of the Emily S. White Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. BENADE, *Chairman*.

NO. 14. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE Association held its annual meeting on Friday, May 24, in the "Church of our Father," Washington, D. C. There were three sessions, all well attended, and the entire meeting was felt to be of more than usual interest. The report of the Committee on Libraries, presenting a list of carefully selected books, called out much useful discussion. The Committee on Graded Lessons reported a chart of lessons for the next year containing a Bible series from the Old Testament and the Gospel of Mark, with a series of doctrinal lessons from the *Last Judgment* and the *New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine*, and another from the *Divine Providence*; also an abridged series of the same.

Provision was made for the publication of the very admirable lesson notes in the *Messenger* as heretofore. The Committee on Manuals reported as ready for publication a manual of descriptions of the spiritual world and were authorized to publish at once.

The President's address was comprehensive and helpful, treating upon the Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School. At the afternoon session the Rev. W. L. Worcester read a most profitable paper on the Teaching of the Correspondences of the Bible. It

will be published at the request of the Association in the *Helper*, and perhaps in more substantial form. At the same session two persons, a man and a woman, were presented to the audience dressed in Syrian costume and the President, who had obtained the garments from Palestine, carefully explained their details and use.

The evening session was mainly occupied in considering the Relation of the Sabbath School to the Church. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. L. P. Mercer, J. Goddard, and C. Giles, and Messrs. R. Gunton, F. A. Dewson, and W. McGeorge, Jr.

In accordance with a By-Law of the Association, we respectfully ask the Convention to appoint a suitable time, during its sessions, for the taking up of a collection for carrying on the useful work of the Association.

T. F. WRIGHT, *President.*

W. H. MAYHEW, *Secretary.*

Reports of Associations and Societies.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

THE Canada Association consists of the Berlin, Wellesley, Toronto, Montreal, Parkdale, and Hamilton Societies. Its General Pastor is the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Ont.

The pastor of the Berlin Society, Rev. F. W. Tuerk, has, as heretofore, divided his labor between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies. Three Sundays out of four were given to the Berlin and the fourth Sunday to the Wellesley Society. The Divine worship in Berlin was alternately held, one Sunday in the English and the other Sunday in the German language. On those Sundays when the pastor was in Wellesley the Divine service in Berlin was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Waelchly. Besides his pastoral work, Mr. Tuerk edits a German paper called *Neukirchenblatt*, published by the German New-Church Mission Union and issued monthly.

On the third of September, 1888, the Berlin Society opened a day school in the basement of its temple. The Rev. F. E. Waelchly, B. A., a graduate of the Academy of the New Church, had been chosen to fill the position of master. In January of this year a lady teacher was engaged as assistant. The average attendance of pupils has been about forty. It is the object of this school so to teach and direct the children, that by means of the truth they may be led into the life of love to the Lord and charity towards the neighbor; that there may be implanted in them the seed for their new birth into the heavenly life. This is the object which the teachers endeavor constantly to have in view, not only in general but also in the particulars of their work. The school is as yet but the beginning of what we trust may in time grow into an institution of great usefulness to the Church. At present it is laboring under many disadvantages; its quarters are small, and there is more work than the two teachers are able to do. But even as it is, the use it is performing is plainly manifesting itself as a great good in the families of the Church and in the society as a whole, and earnest are the expectations of many for the good results of the future.

The Wellesley Society has had Divine service every fourth Sunday. Two adults and four children were baptized there and two young persons confirmed. The Holy Supper was administered once during the year. It has lost seven members by removal to Berlin, gained two by confirmation, and consists at present of sixty members ; otherwise it is in the same condition as last year.

The Toronto Society, under the pastorate of the Rev. G. Laurence Allbutt, B. A., has added eighteen persons to its membership, two have removed, and one has departed into the spiritual world, making the present number eighty-eight, an increase of fifteen. All these persons have during their previous career been baptized into the faith of the New Church.

Independently of his confirmation class the pastor has conducted a Scriptural and Doctrinal class on Sundays, and a Doctrinal class on Tuesday evenings. The debt on the schoolroom has been defrayed and the financial prospect is encouraging.

The Colporteur, Mr. Kelly, continues his indefatigable labors. During the year he has lent out in the city about 13,000 books, and since he began the work (February, 1887), over 33,000.

The Toronto Society has recently celebrated its Semi-Jubilee, and enters on its second quarter of a century thankful to the Lord for His abundant mercies already experienced, and full of confidence in His all-wise control.

The pastor of the Parkdale and Hamilton Societies, the Rev. E. S. Hyatt, writes : —

I took charge of the Parkdale Society at the beginning of the present year, being appointed thereto by the Mission Board for three months, with a view to permanent engagement in the work, if it should prove mutually agreeable to the society and myself. As the relationship between us has proved to be most cordial, it is continued indefinitely.

On the first Sunday of the year the society entered upon the use of the new building erected by them for the minister's residence, one room of which is reserved as the society's place of worship, until such time as they are prepared to erect a temple on the adjoining lot already secured for the purpose. The room has been comfortably and suitably fitted up for the purposes of worship and amply meets the present requirements of the congregation. It will seat fifty or sixty. There seems every reason to hope that with steady perseverance it will in time become a strong society.

Acting under instruction from the Mission Board I have been visiting Hamilton regularly every week this year, with the exception of two at the beginning, when the arrangement in force was to go every other week for the whole Sunday. With regard to this arrangement it was concluded that a regular weekly service on Sunday evenings would answer better than going on alternate Sundays for two ser-

vices—better, both for the Hamilton and for my work as minister of the Parkdale Society. The attendance has been small, twenty-two being the highest and generally only about twelve.

The Montreal Society, under the pastorate of the Rev. E. Gould, is in about the same condition as last year.

The Board of Missions of the Canada Association has carried on its mission work during the year as heretofore in its usual manner. The Rev. J. E. Bowers has been continued in the work as its missionary, paying regular visits to the isolated receivers in the old places in Ontario and in several new ones, preaching or lecturing in many of these places, administering the Sacraments, and selling books. We gratefully acknowledge, among our contributions, the receipt of one hundred dollars from the General Convention which has greatly helped us.

All of which is respectfully reported.

F. W. TUERK, *President*.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Peoria	Rev. S. C. Eby	30
Canton	Rev. S. C. Eby	27
Chicago	Rev. L. P. Mercer	263
Henry	Rev. S. C. Eby	29
Batavia	Joseph Burton, <i>Leader</i>	14
Wilmington	Charles Luther, <i>Leader</i>	12
Jefferson, Wis.	George Copeland, <i>Leader</i>	14
La Porte, Ind.	Wm. Andrew, <i>Leader</i>	40
St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. F. L. Higgins	30
Olney	Rev. T. F. Houts	52
Hutton	J. S. Sargent, <i>Leader</i>	15
	Individual Members	56
Total		582

THE slight reduction in the membership of the Association shown above, is owing to a more thorough organization and revision of the list of members in some of the smaller societies.

In addition to the above ministers, seven others report to the Association, namely, the Rev. Messrs. Stephen Wood, J. J. Lehnen, Jacob Kimm, J. H. Ragatz, A. J. Bartels, H. H. Grant, and Gerhard Busmann.

The Rev. Stephen Wood continues his useful work in Iowa, visiting regularly the circles of receivers in that State, instructing and encouraging the members, and administering the sacraments. Through the assistance of the Board of Missions, Mr. Wood was able to respond to an invitation to visit Texas during the past year. The Rev. J. J. Lehnner continues to preach, visit, and administer the sacraments to the Germans in Iowa. The Rev. A. J. Bartels is preaching to a society of Germans in Chicago, not in connection with the Association. The Rev. H. H. Grant resigned the pastorate of the La Porte Society the first of September last, and has been engaged most of the time in secular work, yet performing some ministerial service in response to invitations in Jefferson and Janesville, Wis. The Rev. Gerhard Busmann is pastor of a flourishing German Society in St. Louis, not in connection with the Association. The Rev. F. L. Higgins accepted the pastorate of the St. Louis Society and entered upon the work there in December last. He has been so pleasantly associated with us while acting as pastor of the Topeka Society, that we are very thankful to be able to enroll him among our active ministers and welcome him to the membership of our Association. Mr. George Henry Dole was authorized by the Rev. John Goddard to preach as a candidate for the ministry, under the supervision of the Rev. L. P. Mercer. In that capacity he served the La Porte Society a number of times during the past winter, preaching also in Chicago in the absence of the pastor, and in Henry at the invitation of the Rev. S. C. Eby. The La Porte Society invited and would have been glad to secure his services permanently, but he was induced by the society in Grand Rapids, Mich., to believe that he could be more useful there, and is now preaching regularly for that society. The Rev. S. C. Eby has been actively engaged in the work of the Central District. He has secured the reorganization of the Peoria and Canton Societies and increased activity in the work of the Church in those cities, has visited regularly the earnest and devoted society in Henry, and fostered the groups of receivers widely scattered and unorganized except as Reading Circles. Among the points regularly visited by him may be mentioned Quincy, where there is considerable New-Church interest, and a well-organized and active reading circle.

The Peoria Society has thoroughly renovated its house of worship at considerable expense, transforming it into a neat and at-

tractive building within and without. Attendance at the services is regular, and there is a deep interest in the doctrine and life of the Church.

The Chicago Society has enjoyed a prosperous year, with an encouraging increase in the attendance upon the Sunday morning services, with a goodly manifestation of interest, especially among the young people, in the evening lectures, and a most promising growth of devotion among the younger members to the study of the doctrines and the life of the Church.

The society in Wilmington is without regular services, but it is hoped to resume them again in connection with the work in Joliet, for which the late Martin C. Bissell made provision in his will. When the annuity is available and a proper minister can be secured, we may hope to establish an active circuit embracing Joliet, Wilmington, Pontiac, Odell, and Batavia.

The Jefferson, Wis., Society has been somewhat crippled by the death and removal of its members; but has still been able to provide for the quarterly communion which it has always so properly valued.

The La Porte Society is without a pastor, but lay services have been regularly maintained, and the services of a minister secured when possible. The Rev. Joseph S. David visited them in the fall, and Mr. George H. Dole preached for them a number of times during the winter. The summer encampment at La Porte is looked forward to with great interest by this Society which has done everything in its power to make the New-Church Assembly both pleasant and useful.

The Society at Olney continues prosperous under the pastoral care of the Rev. T. F. Houts. During the past year the society purchased the Church property, which they have been occupying, and thoroughly remodelled and refurnished it. The society, with very little help from abroad, have raised and paid some \$2,250, and have only a small debt of \$250 remaining. The earnestness and self-denying devotion of this little society is most worthy of encouragement.

It was determined at the last meeting of the Association to divide its extensive field into four districts—the northern with Chicago for its centre; the central with Peoria for its centre; the southern with Olney for its centre; and the western district covering the work in Iowa. One pastor in each district appointed to

superintend the work, and one layman from each district, constitute together the Mission Board of the Association, with the President and Superintendent of the Association *ex officio* chairman. It is proposed to hold in each district at least two conference meetings each year for worship, instruction, and the edification of the Church, of which ample notice shall be given, and at which the sacraments of the Church shall be administered.

In the central district a very interesting and useful conference was held in November last by the Rev. S. C. Eby assisted by the Superintendent of the Association. And in the southern district, on the 12th and 13th of May, the anniversary of the organization of the Olney Society, a conference was held there by the Rev. T. F. Houts, assisted by the Rev. F. L. Higgins, of St. Louis. The little circle at Flat Rock, Crawford county, and isolated members from other localities, were in attendance, and enjoyed the common worship and communion of which they must otherwise have been deprived. It is hoped in this way to make our inadequate ministerial forces available to the service of greater numbers. In the western district a movement is in progress to form a general society of the Church in Iowa, and bring the isolated members into closer coöperation in providing ministerial assistance for the Rev. Stephen Wood, and in the propagation of the doctrines in the larger cities. It is hoped to hold one or more conferences at some central point with this end in view.

The Western New-Church Union, although distinct from the Association, is so vitally connected with its interests and works, that we may at least report our obligation to its management for an increased interest in the purchase of New-Church books, in the reading of the writings, and in bringing our widely scattered members into closer association by its extensive correspondence.

In submitting this report it is our duty as well as pleasure to make a special mention of the bequests made by Martin C. Bissell, of Joliet, Will county, Ill., for the uses of the New Church. Mr. Bissell, like very many other earnest New-Churchmen, had in his early life been connected with the Methodist Church, and by that association had been endued with zeal for the propagation of the Gospel and the salvation of souls. When he came into the New-Church he brought this zeal with him, and endeavored through occasional missionary New-Church lectures and preaching to attract his neighbors to the doctrines of the New Dispensation. But

as often happens in such cases, the ground was so ill prepared for this seed that these sporadic efforts bore very little fruit, and he began to feel that the present was only a time of preparation for the future Church of manhood. He carried out this idea in making his will. Without discriminating between the three very distinct voices which are proclaiming in their publications their views of the New Church, and our duties to it, he gave an annuity to all three of them for twenty years, while not forgetting our only New-Church college, the Urbana University, which has languished for the want of that hearty general support which its late scholarly President and devoted minister in the New Church seemed justly entitled to.

Mr. Bissell showed his wise New-Church judgment in providing for the future Church in the city and county of his residence, by recognizing the essential doctrine of New-Church charity to help others to help themselves — feeling it was no use to give to those who would not exert themselves to help themselves. He had a contempt of that spurious charity which discourages individual labor by removing the necessity for it. One of these provisions of his will is as follows : —

In trust, to set apart and properly invest, Seventeen Thousand (\$17,000) dollars, in value, of my said estate, adding to the principal the increase thereof until the whole shall be disposed of in the following manner, that is to say: Whenever a majority of the members in good standing of the New Church (Swedenborgian) residing in the city of Joliet, Will County, State of Illinois, and in its vicinity, shall duly express a desire to have a New-Church temple, or house of worship, erected in said city of Joliet for their use and that of the New-Church Association, within whose bounds said city is and shall be embraced, for Church purposes, — and shall also secure a sum of money, which together with Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars of the said Seventeen Thousand dollars, and the accumulations of the said Ten Thousand dollars, will be adequate to erect a temple, or house of worship, in said city for said services, honestly costing (including the lot) not less than Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) dollars, — then said Ten Thousand dollars and the accumulated interest and income thereof, shall be turned over to such New-Church Association within whose bounds said city of Joliet is, to be under control of the proper Church authorities, according to the rules and usages of the said New Church, — and the remainder of said Seventeen Thousand dollars, to wit, seven thousand dollars and the accumulations thereof shall also be then turned over to said Association to be used without delay for the purpose of buying a lot of ground and erecting thereon a parsonage in said city of Joliet, for the use of said Church and the minister officiating in said house of worship. But if within twenty (20) years from and after my death such desire to erect such temple of worship within said city of Joliet shall not be expressed as and in manner aforesaid, and such additional sum of money therefore shall not be secured as afore-

said, then on the expiration of said twenty years from my death, said fund of seventeen thousand dollars, and its accumulation of interest and income, shall be paid over by said trustees to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem, in the United States of America, a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and its successors in trust to be used by said Convention in its discretion for religious purposes.

Recognizing that the whole is greater and more permanent than any one of its parts, Mr. Bissell made the General Convention his residuary legatee at the end of twenty years, hoping that the more real New Church might by that time be in condition to use the accumulations more wisely than he feared would be the case at the present time. Mr. Bissell had for many years been a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association, and usually attended its meetings when health permitted.

Mr. Bissell departed this life at Joliet, on May 10, 1888, leaving only a widow in advanced years, and an adopted son, who bears his name, for whom he made such provision as he deemed wise and prudent.

L. P. MERCER,
President and Superintendent.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bangor		3
Bath	Rev. S. F. Dike	65
Fryeburg	Rev. B. N. Stone	67
Gardiner		4
Portland	Rev. H. C. Dunham	129
Total		268

THE Gardiner Society held religious services last summer, during the minister's vacation, in the Universalist Church about the same length of time as in the two or three previous seasons, about the usual number being in attendance. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered near Christmas and in the summer. There is considerable interest in the New Church in Gardiner.

In the Portland Society there have been three additions to the church. Our brother Oliver Gerrish, who has for so many years been a member and officer of this Convention and so well known

to the New Church throughout the country has, together with his wife been removed to the spiritual world. He was more than ninety years of age, and was the last survivor of the thirteen who constituted the Portland Society at the time of its institution, Aug. 31, 1831. Mr. Gerrish has been a most valued member of the church in Portland and has done much to promote its interests in the city and vicinity, as well as in all parts of the State of Maine. He was a man well known and highly esteemed by all who knew him; intelligent in the doctrines and deeply interested in spiritual truth. His wife, Mrs. Gerrish, was a sister of Dr. T. Little, and through his instrumentality Mr. Gerrish first became acquainted with the doctrines.

In Fryeburg the Society of the New Church has had its usual quiet prosperity and harmony, has paid its debt on the church building so that it is now free from debt, and has done a good year's service for the Church in a part of the State where it is a bright light to the neighboring towns, and very useful in disseminating a knowledge of the truths of the New Church.

In Bath the society has had six new members added to the Church, but three others have been removed to the spiritual world. Miss Lucy D. Allen who has lived for many years with Rev. B. F. Barrett, in Germantown, Philadelphia, has been lately removed to the spiritual world. She was the last surviving member of the original number who constituted the Bath Society at its institution Sept. 20, 1829. Our Sabbath School in Bath has been lately reorganized and put under the charge of the younger members of the congregation, now numbering over sixty, with the promise of new life and energy. Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the city missionary, who has lately become interested in the Church and a member of it, has been chosen superintendent. The school is now interesting to teachers and pupils. More adults are taking interest in the work of the school.

Our losses by death and removal elsewhere in Maine are so constant and so great that the Church is not easily able to make good these losses. One highly valued friend, Mrs. Strickland, of Bangor, who has long been with us, and a constant attendant at meetings of the Association and often of Convention, departed from this world a few months ago, but left, with her kind remembrances, one thousand dollars and more for the promotion of the interests and welfare of the Church in Maine. A missionary has been employed

one month the last year in Saco and vicinity, and as the income of our fund increases, we hope to be able to do some continuous colportage and missionary work in the State every season in the future.

Mrs. Brown, a beloved member of the Bath Society, resident for several years past in Bangor, died a few weeks ago at her home in Bangor. She was a very full and affectionate believer.

These departures are for the departed ones well. They have passed on to the brighter and better world. Their gain but our loss. From these lessons we may learn to seek for more spiritual life, and make higher attainments in the things which pertain to our everlasting good.

S. F. DIKE, *President.*

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Washington, D. C. . . .	Rev. Wm. B. Hayden	129
Wilmington, Del. . . .	Rev. J. B. Parmelee	66
Baltimore, Md. (First Ger.)	Rev. P. J. Faber	82
Easton, Md.	Rev. Wm. M. McIntosh	14
Preston, Md.	Rev. John E. Smith	16
Individual Members		19
Total		326
Number reported last year		304
Increase		22

BESIDES the above named ministers there are three others connected with the Association, namely, Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastor; Rev. John W. Hunt, not regularly officiating; and Rev. Thomas A. King, pastor of the Baltimore English Society, which is not a member of the Association.

The Washington Society is laboring under apparent disadvantages, but firmly reliant upon the Providence of the Lord it is continuing its use and seeking to know the right thing to do under the difficulties which confront it.

The society is without a settled pastor and without a house of worship. On the ninth day of February last their temple was so damaged by fire as to render the same unfit for use; they are now worshipping in a hall and for the past six months have had the

acceptable ministrations of the Rev. William B. Hayden. At the annual meeting of the society in April last, which was largely attended, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Frank Sewall to become its pastor, and we are glad to be able to report that Mr. Sewall has accepted the call and will enter upon the duties of his pastorate with us upon his return to this country in November next.

The society is considering whether it is the part of wisdom to rebuild on the old site, or to erect a new house of worship in another section of the city. The interests of the New Church at the Capital of the Nation would seem to call for the action of the general body of the Church, and the fire which came seems providentially to emphasize that call.

The Wilmington Society has maintained regular public worship throughout the year, and the evening services have been well attended by strangers who are apparently much interested.

The Baltimore German Society shows an increase of seventeen members; public worship has been regularly kept up and the ordinances of the Church observed; the pastor has given a series of lectures on Correspondences, and the library, which has received a large donation of books, furnishes facilities for reading, much appreciated by members and friends. The Constitution provides that minors may become junior members of the society and in this way more interest in Church uses has been aroused among the young people. The society is out of debt.

The Easton Society has continued its work about as usual; there is no decrease in membership, although there is some falling off in attendance owing to an indisposition on the part of some to hear New-Church teaching. At the request of the society and upon the vote of the Association, its leader, Mr. William M. McIntosh was, at the last meeting of the Association, Feb. 22, 1889, ordained into the ministry of the New Church.

The Preston Society reports an increase of two members and the attendance upon public worship has shown a deeper interest in the doctrines of the Church; the library is well patronized and a reading circle has been formed which meets bi-weekly. The society has been incorporated under the laws of Maryland; has bought an eligible site and is now engaged in the erection of a house of worship which will be an attractive addition to the town and prove a great help in promoting the Church work in this com-

munity. From the wide-spreading interest in this vicinity it would appear that the entire time of the Rev. John E. Smith could be profitably devoted to the cultivation of this field.

We are glad to learn that the Baltimore English Society continues good work in that city with unabated zeal. We wish that there could be an official connection between it and the Association which would be mutually helpful.

The missionary work has continued to receive the most attention; more than \$800 was received last year for this use, and while the results are gratifying, yet we need a revision of plans in order that the work may be more thorough and systematic.

Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastor, now absent in Europe, and Rev. John E. Smith were both engaged in the work.

In conclusion, we desire to record here our appreciation of the kindness and Christian courtesy of our brethren of the Methodist and Lutheran Churches in Washington, shown in the tender of the use of Wesley Chapel and St. Paul's Church for the meeting of the Association in February last. The fire deprived us of the use of the New-Church Temple and these friends very generously came to our aid. Also it is to be thankfully remembered that the kind offer by our friends of the Universalist Church of the use of their house of worship enabled the Association to extend an invitation to the General Convention to hold its sixty-ninth annual meeting in Washington.

J. B. PARMELEE, *Vice-President.*

C. A. E. SPAMER, *Recording Secretary.*

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, MINISTER, OR LEADER.	MEMBERS.
Abington	Rev. J. E. Werren, <i>Pastor</i>	71
Boston	Rev. James Reed, <i>Pastor</i>	626
Boston Highlands	Rev. J. K. Smyth, <i>Pastor</i>	180
Bridgewater	Rev. T. F. Wright, <i>Pastor</i>	134
Brockton	Rev. H. E. Goddard, <i>Pastor</i>	88
Brookline	Rev. W. H. Hinkley, <i>Pastor</i>	56
Dorchester	J. B. Spiers, <i>Leader</i>	24
East Bridgewater	Rev. T. O. Paine, <i>Pastor</i>	54
Fall River	{ Rev. John Westall, <i>Pastor</i> , Rev. G. S. Wheeler, <i>Minister</i> , }	49
Lancaster	Rev. Richard Ward, <i>Pastor</i>	38
Manchester, N. H.	Carl Roth, <i>Leader</i>	40
Mansfield	Rev. G. F. Stearns, <i>Minister</i>	30
Newtonville	Rev. John Worcester, <i>Pastor</i>	70
Pawtucket, R. I.	F. Pratt, <i>Leader</i>	26
Providence, R. I.	Rev. H. C. Hay, <i>Minister</i>	102
Salem	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	32
Springfield	Rev. S. Jepson, <i>Minister</i>	17
Waltham	B. Worcester, <i>Leader</i>	44
Yarmouth	Rev. G. I. Ward, <i>Minister</i>	31

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REV. JOSEPH PETTEE, General Pastor, continues to perform the duties of his office, especially ministering to the societies without ministers and to small circles. Rev. Warren Goddard, Senior, is still able to perform some service, mainly in Brockton during the vacation of his son, who is pastor there. Rev. S. H. Worcester, residing at Bridgewater, is still engaged as a translator and editor of the Latin books. Rev. S. M. Warren, as before, is at work upon the translation of a portion of the *Arcana*, and occasionally preaches. Rev. H. W. Wright, also residing in Boston, is unemployed as a preacher, but is doing some church work. Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr., is now a member of the legal profession and his place will be filled by Rev. H. C. Hay. Rev. S. Jepson has lately returned to Springfield and is acceptably preaching there. Mr. John A. Hayes, under license, is doing missionary work.

No new societies have been added during the year, but an unusual amount of work has been done looking to the development of societies in our larger cities. In Worcester, Lowell, Lawrence, and Fitchburg, Mass., and Manchester, N. H., meetings have been regularly held in public rooms, generally on Sundays,

Messrs. Pettee, Stearns, and Hayes being in the employ of the Association for this purpose. Their labors have been supplemented by Rev. Messrs. Reed, Hinkley, Smyth, and others. The movement in Lynn has so far developed that Mr. Callan serves them regularly in connection with Salem. In Cambridge a mission has been conducted by the Boston Society and has assumed much importance in view of the location of the Theological School there.

The reading circles continue to work usefully. Summer work was done in several places by ministers on vacation, and a student was employed in making a canvass of a large portion of our territory similarly visited some years ago. It is the aim of our Association to know every one who has any affiliation with it and to keep an accurate register of all those whom it can serve.

In publishing the *New-Jerusalem Magazine* and the *Children's New-Church Magazine* the Association endeavors to perform a use to the church at large. It would be glad to enlarge and otherwise improve them, but already it expends upon them more than is received.

All the financial affairs in the hands of the Union, which is the secular arm of the Association, are diligently attended to. The building in Boston is now worth nearly double what it cost in 1878. The printing work has increased. The demand for books to be bought or borrowed and for tracts is such as to show the need of maintaining this accessible place of resort and church business. The invested funds now amount to \$119,592. The fund for the relief of aged and indigent ministers now amounts to \$14,429. Those who have made bequests to the Union have continued their help and so have given encouragement to those who had labored with them. It is evident, however, that the Association must not limit itself to the expenditure of the income of its funds, and it has raised for its own mission work the last year \$2,200.

It may not be improper to say that the contributions of its members for other church uses have been unusually large, and that its two oldest ministers have each donated \$1,000 to the fund for purchasing the estate for the Theological School at Cambridge. In thus showing their earnestness they have set a good example to all their brethren. The departures from this life of Abraham T. Lowe, long a leading member in Boston, of Royal M. Pulsifer, of

Newton, helpful in all that his hands found to do, of Thomas Hope, of Providence, and others are a constant reminder to us to work while it is day.

The school at Waltham now has the services of its beloved principal, but the effect of his long illness is felt in the attendance, which is for the time diminished. The addition of a new dormitory makes the school completely equipped for efficient service.

In closing this report we would suggest that in conducting so many missionary meetings, we feel the need of a brief liturgy made up from that now in use, containing perhaps one-sixth of its contents, and satisfying in size and cheapness the wants of assemblies which now suffer from lack of worship in connection with the lectures of our missionaries.

JOSEPH PETTEE, *General Pastor*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, LEADERS, OR SECRETARY.	NO. MEMBERS.
Detroit	Rev. A. F. Frost, <i>Pastor</i>	77
Almont	J. R. Hamilton, <i>Secretary</i>	26
Ypsilanti	John W. Spoor, <i>Leader</i>	12
Grand Rapids	G. H. Dole, <i>Minister</i>	20
Springdale	B. J. Stanley, <i>Leader</i>	20
Total		155
Isolated members and receivers about		200

THE past year has been one of more than usual activity in the Michigan Association. The Rev. G. N. Smith has been actively engaged in the missionary field nearly seven months. His labors promise good results especially at Northport, Charlevoix, Springdale, Solon, and Leland. Mr. Smith says of the last mentioned place: "Leland has been perhaps the greatest surprise to me in all my work. Years ago, I preached there occasionally, but nothing seemed to come of it, when suddenly, there came a call for more work there, and as suddenly there developed an interest there that I think I have never seen equalled. I never saw a whole people so moved, Catholic, Protestant, and infidel alike; whole families say to me, 'Count us all New-Churchmen.'" Mr. Smith has visited many other points in which more or less interest has been aroused.

Rev. J. E. Bowers spent one month in the State working for the most part in a different section from Mr. Smith.

At Almont and Springdale regular services are maintained, although neither society has a minister.

The Grand Rapids Society has refitted the church and inaugurated regular services. Mr. G. H. Dole has accepted a call to preach for them. The renewal of pastoral work there, so long discontinued, is indeed gratifying, and we hope it may be the means of adding much needed strength to the Michigan Association as well as to the church in Grand Rapids.

In Detroit our people are active. A new organ has been put in the church which gives good satisfaction. The young people have organized a society for promoting various church uses which has proved quite successful. An effort has lately been made to establish services in another part of the city. The meetings are held in a hall, and thus far the attendance is reported good.

J. R. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

OUR Association has gone on in its usual work. The Minneapolis Society has secured the services of the Rev. J. S. David, who began his work in Minneapolis in January, and his ministrations have led to hopeful results. Considerable interest in the church has been shown by the public. The membership remains about as last reported, thirty-eight, of whom some have removed from Minneapolis.

The St. Paul Society has held its usual services with the Rev. E. C. Mitchell as pastor. Six new members have been added to the St. Paul Society, making the membership forty, of whom eleven reside at too great a distance to attend our church services.

The annual meeting of our Minnesota Association was held in October, having a business session and religious services in the afternoon, and a very pleasant social meeting in the evening.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD C. MITCHELL, *President.*

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	Rev. S. S. Seward, <i>Pastor</i>	207
Brooklyn	Rev. J. C. Ager, <i>Pastor</i>	162
Hoboken	Mr. E. Ferrett, <i>Leader</i>	
Orange	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	58
Newark	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	34
Mount Vernon	Rev. Oliver Dyer, <i>Pastor</i>	
New York (German)	Rev. W. H. Schliffer, <i>Pastor</i>	
Mystic	Rev. J. A. Lamb, <i>Pastor</i>	26
Paterson	Rev. B. D. Palmer, <i>Pastor</i>	33
Riverhead	Rev. G. M. Davidson, <i>Pastor</i>	
Brooklyn (German)	Rev. Wm. Diehl, <i>Pastor</i>	26
Newark (German)	J. C. Menschner, <i>Leader</i>	37
Hempstead		
Total		583

THERE have been no changes in the ministerial force of the Association the past year, except that Dr. Francis T. Alba, of Ocean Grove, N. J., has been authorized to preach and officiate at funerals for one year, beginning March 8, 1889, and Mr. Charles B. Chase, an authorized candidate of the Ohio Association, has been officiating temporarily at Hempstead.

The Vineland Society has withdrawn from the New-York Association in order to connect itself with the new Association formed in Philadelphia. This reduces the number of our societies to thirteen, and takes two names from our list of ministers, namely, Rev. E. R. Tuller and Rev. Adolph Roeder.

Since our last report the New-York Society has purchased a new and very satisfactory organ. The Brooklyn Society has decorated and improved the interior of its house of worship, and has exhibited even greater activity than usual in church work. The Orange Society continues to prosper in its new and beautiful place of worship, and the Newark Society is progressing steadily and favorably. The other societies report no important changes, except renewed activity in Hempstead under the leadership of Mr. Chase. The Mount Vernon Society no longer holds regular services.

The Association has not been idle. Substantial aid has been extended to the Paterson, Hempstead, and New-York German Societies, and Mr. Bastow has continued his work as colporteur on Long Island. Besides doing some missionary work, Mr. Palmer

has devoted part of his time to the distribution of the "gift-books" among the clergy. In the meantime a strenuous effort is being made to secure the services of a permanent missionary.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. SEWARD, *President.*

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, MINISTERS, OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	{ Rev. John Goddard, <i>Pastor</i> } { Rev. H. C. Hay, <i>Ass't Min.</i> }	. . . 249
Cleveland	Rev. Philip B. Cabell	70
East Rockport	Rev. Philip B. Cabell	42
Glendale	Rev. H. C. Hay	35
Indianapolis	Rev. E. D. Daniels	26
Monroe Co. . . . .	. . . . .	67
Napoleon . . . . .	. . . . .	12
Newark . . . . .	. . . . .	12
Pomeroy and Middleport	Rev. E. D. Daniels	40
Richmond	Rev. E. A. Beaman	11
Toledo	Thos. H. Woodruff	22
Urbana	Rev. W. H. Mayhew	65
Total		651

THE ministers connected with the Association are the Rev. Messrs. E. A. Beaman, Theodore Edson, W. H. Mayhew, Philip B. Cabell, H. C. Hay, E. D. Daniels, and John Goddard. Mr. Charles B. Chase, formerly an authorized candidate here has removed to Hempstead, L. I., and is now preaching under the auspices of the New-York Association.

The Rev. E. A. Beaman is still engaged as for so many years in mission work, partly under the auspices of the Cincinnati Society. Mr. Edson is engaged wholly in secular business. Mr. Hay, who has been serving for nearly two years as the assistant minister at Cincinnati, has accepted a call to Providence, R. I. The other ministers remain as at the last report.

We have little that is new to record. The forward movement of last year has been continued. Mr. Daniels's work goes on quietly but successfully. The work in and around Cincinnati has been steadily maintained, and produced manifestly good results, especially the neighborhood meetings, by means of which the friends

and acquaintances and invited guests living near the private residence of any New-Church person can hear the principles of the New Church explained, and can have their individual questions answered. Thus through quiet and systematic effort, the whole community can become permeated with the doctrines, and much more thoroughly than where the services are confined to a public place, and to one day in the week. The Cincinnati Society will miss Mr. Hay's services, and how his place will be filled is not yet determined.

A Young-People's League has been organized in Cleveland, and the Young-People's League of Cincinnati has been reorganized upon a working basis of usefulness.

The subject of the General Pastorate was thoroughly considered at the last meeting of the Association, and three papers prepared from different standpoints, and the general conclusions were reached that the Episcopal order, in spite of its weaknesses and abuses, was more economical, more successful, and appealed to a higher ideal than the Congregational polity. It was also added, in the course of the discussion, that, according to the writings, there are congregations in the hells, but order and subordination in the heavens; that Congregationalism leads us to look up to men, but Episcopacy leads us to look to the Church; that rotation in office, and therefore the temporary conferring of the function of ordination, etc., is not according to heavenly or even earthly order. The terrible abuses to which the Episcopal order were liable were recognized, but it was concluded that the remedy for an abuse lies in the restoration of use rather than in total abstinence.

So successful was the missionary meeting of the Association, held three years ago in Toledo, in establishing the Society there, that it has been determined, if possible, to make the next fall's gathering one of the same character, and to hold it in Indianapolis, hoping thereby to strengthen the hands of the brethren in that city.

The trustees of Urbana University, since the last report, have elected Dr. Thomas F. Moses to the presidency of the institution, which is quietly pursuing the even tenor of its way, with a somewhat enlarged number of students, and with more hopeful promise than for several years past.

JOHN GODDARD, *President.*

GENERAL CHURCH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHURCHES AND CIRCLES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Advent (Philadelphia) . . .	Bishop of General Church of Penn. . .	75
Pittsburgh	{ Rev. John Whitehead, <i>Pastor</i> } { Rev. A. Czerny, <i>Ass't Pastor</i> }	82
Immanuel (Chicago) . . .	Rev. Edward C. Bostock, <i>Pastor</i> . . .	55
Allentown	Bishop of General Church of Penn. . .	30
Brooklyn, E. D. (N. Y.) . .	Bishop of General Church of Penn. . .	12
Greenford (Ohio)	Rev. A. Czerny, <i>Pastor</i>	21
Lancaster	Dr. S. S. Rathvon, <i>Leader</i>	17
Delaware County	Mr. George Burnley, <i>Leader</i>	13
Bethel	Mr. Uriah Evans, <i>Leader</i>	15
Renovo	Mr. J. R. Kendig, <i>Leader</i>	8
Erie	Dr. Edward Cranch, <i>Leader</i>	8
Isolated Members		31
Total		367

THE clergy of this General Church are : General Pastor, or Bishop, Rev. Wm. H. Benade ; Pastors, Rev. Messrs. W. F. Pendleton, John Whitehead, Edward C. Bostock, Andrew Czerny, N. C. Burnham, Ellis I. Kirk, Eugene J. E. Schreck ; Ministers, Enoch S. Price, C. T. Odhner.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the Rev. Louis H. Tafel has been enjoined from exercising the functions of his office within the limits of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and removed from the pastorate of the Society of the Advent, which has since remained under the charge of the Bishop.

A majority of the members of the First German Society of Brooklyn, E. D., have separated in a body from the General Church of Pennsylvania. The minority have formed a circle and meet regularly for worship.

The circle in Concordia, Kans., having lost the services of its teacher and minister, is, if not disbanded, at least in a state of inactivity.

On the 10th of June, 1888, the Bishop ordained candidates Enoch S. Price, C. Theophilus Odhner, Fred E. Waelchly, and Edward S. Hyatt, into the first degree of the priesthood, with the powers to administer the sacrament of baptism, of teaching and preaching the Word according to the doctrine of the Church, and of ministering to a particular Church under the supervision of a General Pastor, or of acting as assistant of the pastor of a particular church.

The Rev. Ellis I. Kirk is located in what has been termed the "Clearfield District."

The Rev. Fred E. Waelchly connected himself with the Canada Association soon after his ordination.

The Rev. Edward S. Hyatt after laboring in the Erie district for half a year also received and accepted a call from Canada.

The Rev. Messrs. Pendleton, Schreck, Price, and Odhner have ministered at stated times to the societies in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Allentown, and Brooklyn. Candidate Acton preached in Philadelphia and Brooklyn at stated times.

Candidate Pendleton labored in the Clearfield district during the summer of the past year, and since then preached in Philadelphia and Lancaster at stated times.

The Council of the Clergy are continuing the work of translating the *Sacred Scripture*.

The very great usefulness of the Calendar published by this body was attested to at the general meeting, where it was made evident that the objects of the Calendar are being attained in some measure. Members' daily reading the same lessons in the writings and the *Sacred Scripture* has had an influence upon societies, and we feel convinced that this is one of the most important uses which a general body can perform for its particular and single members.

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK,
For the Secretaries.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Philadelphia	{ Rev. Chauncey Giles, <i>Pastor</i> , Rev. W. L. Worcester, <i>Ass't Pastor</i> , }	350
Union (Philadelphia) . . .	Rev. Louis H. Tafel	60
Frankford (Philadelphia) .	Rev. J. W. MacPherson	70
Vineland	Rev. A. Roeder	48
Allentown		36
Isolated		10
Total		574

BESIDES the ministers in the above list there are the Rev. Wm. H. Alden who acts as agent of the Book Association, and occasionally officiates in the office of minister, and the Rev. E. R. Tuller who is not engaged in ministerial work.

The Association having so recently formed has no report to make of work done.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President*.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, SOCIETY.

WE are one of two societies of the New Church existing in San Francisco, each doing its work in its own way, usefully we trust.

Our society moves on quietly. Its work is, in fact, principally the work of its minister, Rev. Joseph Worcester, and is, we think, an important part of the religious life of the community here. Besides his public ministrations Mr. Worcester ministers in personal intercourse to a circle much wider than the limits of our congregation. We have regular religious services on Sunday morning, a Sabbath school, and an adult class for the study of Swedenborg. The number of members is 56, the average attendance at Sunday morning service is between 40 and 50, and the average number of communicants, 30.

JAMES E. MILLS, *Chairman*.

FIRST NEW-JERUSALEM SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

IN its outward condition the San Francisco Society has not materially changed since our last years' report to Convention. Several members have been added to our roll and nearly as many lost by death and transference to other societies. Its work and worship have been kept up with much earnestness and zeal. In addition to the morning services at San Francisco the pastor has preached regularly in Berkeley in the afternoon and at Alameda in the evening. The pastor of this society, since the last report, has also delivered a course of week-day evening lectures at San José which resulted in the establishment of regular public services at that place, which have been maintained ever since and give evident signs of permanency. He has also given two discourses in Los Angeles and a course of nine lectures running through as many consecutive evenings at Riverside.

As a local institution the First Society of San Francisco has not increased largely in the last few years. But we have felt happy in the thought that it has sent out workers to other parts of the field in no small numbers during that time, and that while this constant depletion leaves us at a comparative standstill, other and new fields of the church have been constant gainers by the fact of our existence and organization.

In behalf of the First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco.

JOHN DOUGHTY, *Pastor.*

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

SINCE the meeting of the last Convention in the city of Boston, the Connecticut Association has held three quarterly meetings, namely, one on the 15th of November, 1888, in the city of Hartford, and one on the 22d of February, 1889, in the same city, at both of which the Rev. Joseph Pettee, of Boston, officiated, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered; one in the city of New Haven on the 16th of May, at which the Rev. J. K. Smyth, of Boston, officiated. Two adults and three children were baptized and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered.

The Rev. Joseph Pettee officiated for this Association to the

receivers of New-Church doctrine at Stratford, on Sunday, April 28, 1889.

All of our quarterly meetings have an average attendance of from sixty to seventy persons, which shows an increase over our last year's report. Our Association have contributed to the clergy throughout the different states over 1200 volumes of Madeley's *Science of Correspondences*, during the past year, from many of whom we have received grateful acknowledgments for the work sent, and we are still continuing the distribution at the rate of over 100 volumes a month.

HENRY G. THOMPSON, *President.*

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., General Pastor.

LETTERS and papers recently received from America remind me that the time for your annual meeting is approaching. How time flies! It seems but as yesterday since I sent to your last meeting a few words from Paris. Yet a year of days has passed. You meet this year in Washington, the central city and seat of government of our new country; and I write to you from Rome, the central city and seat of government of the old Christian world. I have just returned to my room from a visit to St. Peter's, in and upon which more than a hundred millions of dollars have been expended, and from the highest window in the "lantern" of this stupendous and ornate pile, filled with massive marble saints and sculptured cherubs, mosaics and pictures, all shining with gold and glittering with jewels, the whole one vast emblem of wealth and spiritual lust of power and pride and dominion over the souls of men, I looked down upon the "Holy See" and this "City of the Nations" and out upon the territory that surrounds it, and then looked up to the blue heavens flecked with sun-bright clouds above me, and, with my hand upon my heart, I thanked the Lord that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen," that her power is broken, and that she can never again "corrupt the earth with her abominations." The spirit of a "New Age" is evidently working even here. But I did not begin to write an essay upon church history, nor the Last Judgment and its effects upon the church, but to make a short report as a minister and member of your body.

Of my work for the past year I have little to say, for I have done little. I continued to hold regular services, with a sermon, every Sunday morning at our parlor in Paris until midsummer, when, with my family, I went to Switzerland, passing the time until early autumn in Zurich, Ingebold, Brunnen, St. Beattenberg, Lugano, and other places in that charming republic in central Europe, in company with Rev. Mr. Sewall and family. In Zurich I had the pleasure of preaching to the Rev. Mr. Goerwitz's congregation upon one Sabbath, and of attending the annual meeting of the

church in Switzerland, and speaking a few words to them. And just here I wish to commend the good work of Mr. Goerwitz to the earnest sympathy and aid of the New Church in America. He has been doing, and is continuing to do, in that central region of Europe, a most excellent work. Under circumstances of great difficulty and discouragement his gentle but firm and earnest efforts to promulgate the heavenly doctrines and to guard his people against the vagaries of enthusiasts upon the one hand, and the subtle efforts of others, not of his own country, to entangle him and them in the meshes of the secret "General Central Church" upon the other, have preserved the Visible Church in Switzerland and Germany. And he and the Church with him should be strengthened and encouraged by the active sympathy of the Convention.

The middle of October we arrived in Florence where we passed the winter. Regular services were held upon the Sabbath in Mr. Sewall's parlor, he generally officiating. Upon Christmas I preached and administered the Holy Supper. Besides our two families others, from three to ten, were generally present. I have done what I could by conversation, the use of *Messengers*, *Helpers*, and some of the small works of Emanuel Swedenborg, to make known the doctrines to English and American residents and travelers, with some, but probably not much, effect.

Since coming to Europe and being somewhat removed from the immediate presence and sphere of the Church in America, I feel a deeper and increasing interest in her welfare, and that her great work is to cooperate with the Lord in saving men. While I cannot but feel grieved at the trials and dissensions that arise from the evils of those who constitute the visible bodies of the church, I am comforted by the assurance that out of all these disorders and afflictions the Lord will bring good to those who are sincerely endeavoring to become regenerate, and who thus constitute his church in general and particular.

I am rejoiced to learn of the formation of the new "Brotherhood"—the new Pennsylvania Association. From what I hear of it the move appears to me a good one and in the right direction. In all New-Church organizations the Essential Doctrines should be incorporated and maintained as matters of positive Divine Revelation, while in all minor matters of doctrine and order there should be the largest individual liberty with the truest charity.

As the years go by, my observation and experience strengthen my doctrinal faith and trust in the continual leading of the Divine Providence. In obedience to what appeared to me such leading I came abroad for a specific purpose which seems in a measure nearing its accomplishment. Should the Divine Providence preserve my life and health and lead me again to a field of active use as a fellow-laborer with you, I shall try to be found ready and willing.

Report of Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor.

DURING the year past have been regularly employed in discharging the duties of my office ; and, in connection, acting as chairman of the Convention's Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

May 1, 1889, extended the candidacy for the ministry of John A. Hayes for one year.

April 2, 1889, extended for one year the license to preach of Benjamin Worcester.

May 25, 1889, by the recommendation of Rev. John Worcester, President of the Theological School, authorized Louis Rich, who has completed his course in this School, as a candidate for the ministry for one year from date. At the same time, by the same recommendation, authorized Louis G. Landenberger, who has also just completed his course in the School, as a candidate for the ministry for one year from the same date.

During the year past have preached forty-seven times, in thirty different places, and have administered the Holy Supper nineteen times, in nine different places ; and have baptized fifteen persons and confirmed nineteen.

During this period have distributed to clergymen and students for the ministry forty-six volumes of the Gift Books.

Report of Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastor.

At the meeting of the Maryland Association of the New Church, Feb. 22, 1889, and with the concurrence of that body, I ordained William McKenzie McIntosh.

Since the last meeting of Convention I have been steadily engaged in ministerial work ; and I regret my inability to be present at the approaching meeting in Washington. But I look forward

with much pleasure to my expected meeting with the English Conference in August next.

Report of Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor.

ON Jan. 15, 1889, I renewed the authorization of Mr. Charles B. Chace, but not as a candidate under the rules of the Ohio Association, as Mr. Chace was about to remove to New York.

Report of Rev. G. Busmann.

DURING the past year I devoted all my time to the First German Church in St. Louis, Mo. Preached regularly every Sunday morning, and in the evenings when I was called upon, in a free Evangelic Church, and can report my charge in a prosperous condition, both spiritually and naturally, for which I am thankful to the Lord. I baptized fifteen children and two adults; confirmed six; officiated at three marriages and seven funerals. During the year the Holy Supper was administered three times by me, the last time, Easter Sunday, to ninety-two communicants.

Report of Rev. Wm. B. Hayden.

I HAVE been employed in ministerial labors the greater portion of the year since the last meeting of Convention. Preached for the society at Springfield, Mass., five weeks in May and June, 1888. In August, preached twice in Andover, Mass., one service being in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary, the other in the Congregational Church. The same month, preached one Sunday for the Society in Lancaster, Mass., and one at the meeting of the Maine Association in Portland.

In October, visited the Springfield Society again, preaching one Sunday and administering the Holy Supper. On the first of December last I commenced an engagement with the Washington Society for six months, which will close with the end of May. Have administered the Holy Supper for the Washington Society twice. And in the year have baptized three children and three adults, and attended four funerals.

Report of Rev. James E. Mills.

As minister I have very little to report. I have sometimes during the past two years led in religious services in Quincy, of this State, but am living now with my family in San Francisco, where we are connected with the society to which Rev. Joseph Worcester ministers, and my own ministerial work, if such it can be called, is limited to some writing for the Church periodicals, teaching in Sunday school, and personal correspondence and intercourse on religious subjects.

Report of Rev. J. I. Herrick.

IN September, 1887, I suffered from paralysis, and although I have partially recovered from its effects, I am still unable to apply with energy and long continuance to any duty, and must expect to always suffer from the injury, and be unable to discharge the duty of teaching and preaching. I therefore request that my name be dropped from the list of ministers of the General Convention. I make this request with great sadness; for to proclaim the great truth that our Lord Jesus Christ is the one and only God, has seemed to me to be my duty, and to fit myself to do this worthily has been my effort, and all my leisure has been devoted to this end; and now when I hoped other matters would favor me, I am obliged to say adieu to the cherished hopes of years.

Although I may not be called a minister of the General Convention, yet should I, under the leadings of Divine Providence, be able to speak in public of the life of duty to our Heavenly Father, and to our brother man, I shall seek to be faithful to my ordination vows, and hope that my brethren of the Lord's New Church will not look upon me as disorderly.

Report of Rev. Frank Sewall.

I AVAIL myself with pleasure of the privilege afforded me by the rules of the Convention of presenting an annual report of my ministerial work. My pastorate with the Queen's Park Society in Glasgow, terminated, according to previous agreements, on the 20th of May of last year, since which time, with the exception of a few weeks, I have been sojourning in France, Switzerland, and

Italy. During this time, I have never failed on Sundays to conduct or attend a New-Church service, and frequently have had the pleasure of having other New-Church friends to unite with my family in our household worship. In Switzerland I had the pleasure of officiating twice at the public worship of the society in Zurich, and of holding a week-evening service and sermon for the society in Berne. It was also my happy privilege to attend, as messenger from the American Convention, the annual meeting of the Swiss New-Church Union held in Zurich, in September last; on which occasion besides presenting to the meeting the resolutions passed in the Convention a year ago, in relation to the Swiss New-Church Union, I added personally my warmest assurance of the kind interest felt in the Union by the Convention, and of the readiness of the Convention to do all in its power to help toward an orderly and healthy growth of the New-Church organization in Switzerland. In what form that assistance may best be rendered is a question that will depend naturally upon the desires of the Union itself; but I need here only express the hope that no encouragement of our brethren abroad, or strengthening of their hands, in this their day of comparative weakness, will be withheld by our stronger body should they look to us for help. The important service which the pastor of the Swiss New-Church Union, the Rev. Fedor Goerwitz, has done in maintaining a wholesome standard of church order and of New-Church doctrine against the disorganizing and misleading influences that have prevailed in many parts of Germany and Switzerland, will be gladly and gratefully recognized by all who have at heart the growth of the Lord's New Church upon the principles of the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Jerusalem.

In Florence, for a season of six months, I held regular Sunday services in my parlor, to which I invited by public notice all who were interested in the doctrines of the New Church. Our ordinary attendance ranged from ten to sixteen persons, but during the whole season as many as forty different persons were present one or more times. These included the Rev. Mr. Ford, for many years pastor of the society in Florence, who is now incapacitated by age for conducting public services; our zealous and devoted missionary, Professor Scocia, and his wife, to whose neighborly acts of kindness and delightful society we owe much of the pleasure of our stay in Florence; the Rev. Dr. Hibbard and family; and others.

On Christmas day the Holy Communion was administered to our little congregation by the Rev. Dr. Hibbard, ten communicants participating.

It is with great pleasure that I now look forward to resuming my labors in the Church in America, whither, the Divine Providence permitting, I shall return with my family, the coming autumn, to assume, at their invitation, the pastorate of the Washington Society.

Report of Rev. L. G. Jordan.

I WOULD respectfully report that during the last year I have officiated regularly as pastor of the Oakland Society of the New Church, preaching Sunday morning and holding a doctrinal class in the evening. I have administered the sacrament of baptism to six infants, and conducted service at three funerals.

Report of Rev. B. Edmiston.

SINCE my last report to the Convention, I have continued my labors as pastor of the Riverside Society, conducting services and preaching every Sunday morning, except for a few weeks in the summer; and since last February, in addition to our regular services at the church, which is some distance from the business centre of the town, I have lectured or preached each Sunday evening in the Young Men's Christian Association assembly-hall, centrally located, which our people have hired for the purpose. Our society seems to be in a healthy and growing state.

Report of Rev. Richard De Charms.

SINCE my last report I have resigned my pastoral connection with the Denver Society, with which I have been associated for some years past, and am now officiating for a society organized in this city, last July, and known as the Denver Society of the Lord's Advent. This latter society is composed of members of the older society who have withdrawn from it for the purpose of forming a new society, where, as they believe, under conditions of greater freedom and more perfect unity and harmony, they may do what

seems to them best conducive to the establishment of the New Church. This society has maintained, under my pastoral charge, regular services of worship and instruction at the house of one of its members, on each Lord's-day morning. I have administered the ordinance of baptism to three infants and two adults, and administered the Holy Supper three times. (The baptisms cover the years 1888-9.) There have been no deaths. I officiated at two marriages during the year 1888. Social meetings of the society have been held weekly, where subjects selected from week to week by those attending the meetings have been treated in the light of the doctrines, in the form of familiar talks by the pastor. A weekly young-people's class has been regularly held by the pastor, and instruction given in the work on *Heaven and Hell* in the form of question and answer. A pastor's class has also been held weekly for adults, where the work on *Conjugal Love* has been used as the text book. A Ladies' Society, meeting semi-weekly, has been organized, and has performed valuable aid to the Society, principally in a financial way by sewing and other womanly work. The Society since its organization last summer has succeeded in raising funds sufficient to purchase and pay for a lot, and are now having erected upon it a building which will serve the double use of a parsonage and place of worship. This building will be completed ready for occupancy this coming August, when we hope, in addition to our other uses, to organize a Sunday School, and in time a New-Church day school for the education of our children. We also have in view the erection of a chapel in front of the building now in course of erection dedicated and devoted to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Second Coming.

Report of Rev. S. H. Spencer.

SINCE the meeting of the Illinois Association at St. Louis, last fall, I am not connected with any Association of the New Church, my name having been at that time dropped from that Association's roll of members, at my request, which was made because I was no longer a resident within the bounds of that Association.

My work during the present Convention year has been chiefly upon and through our paper, *The New Christianity*. On Sunday, March 31, I preached morning and evening at Wilmington, Del., as a supply for Brother Parmelee.

Please accept this as my report to the Convention for the year. It is not probable that I can attend the session at Washington, which I greatly regret.

Report of Rev. W. A. Lamb Campbell.

CONSIDERING that Emanuel Swedenborg speaks hopefully of the African races, and knowing that he so speaks from the Lord for our instruction concerning the states of races, and their capacity to receive the teachings, and live the life of the New Church, I appeal to you to make an effort to bring to the minds of the descendants of these people, the people of African and mixed descent, and of other races in the Southern States of this Union, the doctrines and teachings of the New Jerusalem; that they may no longer remain in the dark as to the true teachings of the Word concerning the unity of God, the hopes and fears of the life after death, and the way to attain union with God and consociation with the angels of the heavens.

Your missionaries that visit these parts, from the very nature of the social conditions of the peoples that inhabit them, are unable to reach the people of African and mixed descent, inasmuch as they move only among those of European descent who have received, or are inclining to, the doctrines of the New Church. These people are for the most part of a celestial genius, and must be reached by oral preaching. Tracts and books will serve to awaken to thought the educated; but these, as yet, are numbered among the few.

They, like the other races of our earth, must be instructed in truths, and their spiritual degrees successively opened by a life of good by means of truth. This can be successfully done only in the New Church. While we should in no case flag in our efforts to collect, inaugurate, and instruct all those who are prepared to receive the doctrines and teachings of the New Jerusalem, among the people of European descent on this continent, we should in no case neglect the people of African and mixed descent. Neither should we go to classes nor castes, but should offer to all that universal salvation and oneness of brotherhood to all those who are of the new birth, who are in the Lord and in whom is the Lord, as the Divine good and truth.

Now I will make this proposal to you, brethren, that I will undertake this work for the Church during the summer months. Not being a regular pastor, my time is occupied with teaching in the public schools from October to May, when my sphere of influence must necessarily be limited to the city or place of my school. All that I will ask is that you assist in paying my travelling expenses, and giving me such pecuniary aid as may be in your power. I will make such reports and publish such accounts of my observations on the spiritual state of these people as may come under my notice from time to time. The work of collection and instruction must be done carefully, in the spirit of charity, recognizing the uses performed by the existing religious organizations. For we must remember that there is now in reality no old Church, that having passed away with the Last Judgment. The Christian Church of our time can truly be regarded only as a kind of Christian gentileism, having no real spiritual doctrines or truths from the Word, but only appearances of truth. Concerning this, however, it is unnecessary to say much, as they are clearly set forth in the writings, and generally well understood by you.

Report of Rev. D. V. Bowen.

I AM not at present connected with any Association. We organized the New-Church Society of Ontario, Cal., Jan. 23, 1888, with eighteen members. Have baptized during the year seven persons, attended two funerals, officiated at one marriage. On Easter Sunday baptized and received into our society four adults. We have now twenty-four members. Have administered the Holy Supper here every three months, usually twenty-five present.

We organized a New-Church Society in Los Angeles, April 15, 1888, with twelve members; have preached there nearly every month during the year, and administered the Holy Supper every three months. The Society now numbers over twenty. I am now preaching there every Sunday morning, and conduct the Sunday school. We have services in Ontario in the evening. Our Sunday school here, of about thirty members, is in a prosperous condition. During the year I have preached in San Diego twice, and in Riverside once.

Report of Rev. J. T. V. Croy.

I HASTILY made out a report and find I have left out a page in mailing it. An oversight you will pardon I trust. I have, I regret to say but little progress to report. We came out West two years ago. I went to San Diego one year ago last spring, and for eight Sundays preached for the New-Church Society in San Diego. I returned to Colton where we were for some time and then to Riverside. Here I have preached four times since, the last occasion being on the 12th inst. at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, at the evening service, which our New-Church brethren are endeavoring to sustain in addition to the morning service held in the church out of town. I trust the way will be opened for me to perform a larger use for the New Church. I desire to be more actively engaged in the New-Church work. My time is so fully occupied with secular labor that little time is left me for other uses.

Report of Rev. John W. McSlarrow.

SINCE my last report I have solemnized two marriages, lectured once or twice, and distributed quite a large number of tracts and *Messengers*.

The members of my society having become scattered I have had no opportunities for preaching, and being from my pressing necessities, constantly employed in the support of a large and dependent family, I have not been able to do much missionary work. While travelling in other business during the past two months I have visited all the principal towns and cities on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railroad, and also on the St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railroad, and I find in this city (Little Rock, Ark.) and the city of Hot Springs — especially the latter — excellent fields for missionary work. Should an opportunity present itself whereby I could be enabled to enter this field, I would gladly do so, and I trust you will bring this matter before the General Convention, that they may take some action, or at least make some recommendation in the matter.

I believe I could live and support my family on six hundred dollars per year exclusive of travelling expenses, and a considerable portion of the latter might be contributed by those among whom I would labor. But as there are no established societies, no

certain estimate could be made of the amount which could be raised in that way. However, if the above amount could be guaranteed I would willingly, gladly undertake to devote my whole time to the work, and with the pressing necessity of a daily and hourly struggle for bread thus removed, I believe that I could accomplish much for the cause in this country.

Special Reports.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE IUNGERICH FUND.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America : —*

THE undersigned in the absence of their co-trustee, Mr. Edward S. Iungerich, in Europe, would respectfully make report of their operations during the last year as directed by the deed of trust under which they were appointed : —

The balance in the hauds of the Trustees as per their last report was. . . \$36,696.59
of which \$35,000 was reported as invested for the purposes of the trust.

There has been collected of income from May 1, 1888, to date 2,376.88

There has been received as interest on money in bank to April 28, 1889 36.70

\$39,110.17

There has been paid to J. B. Lippincott Company for manufacturing

books 2,127.60

Leaving a balance in hand of \$36,982.57

Of this balance \$35,000 is invested and bearing interest. The remainder, \$1,982.57, is in bank on deposit. A regular and steady demand continues for the gift books, a marked feature of the demand continuing to be that the applications for the books largely come from ministers who make this application on the suggestion of other ministers who have received them.

There have been distributed during the past year 1,191 copies of the *True Christian Religion*, and 1,070 copies of the *Apocalypse Revealed*. During the same time the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed 1,350 copies of *Heaven and Hell* and 969 copies of the *Life of Swedenborg*. The total number of copies of the different books distributed to date is as follows : —

Of the True Christian Religion 30,285

Of the Apocalypse Revealed 23,123

Carried forward 53,408

<i>Brought forward</i>	53,408
The American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed, —	
Of Heaven and Hell	28,496
Of the Life of Swedenborg	11,492
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Making a grand total of	93,396

The trustees again desire to express their acknowledgments to Dr. John Ellis and also to Henry G. Thompson for making the offer of these books widely known to the clergy of the United States. They also desire to acknowledge their continued obligation to the Trustees of the Rotch Fund for the use of the plates from which the copies of the *True Christian Religion* and *Apocalypse Revealed* are printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN SHOEMAKER, HENRY IUNGERICH, WM. McGEORGE, JR.,	} Trustees.
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR THE PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHING OF SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

AT the last meeting of the Convention in 1888, this Committee reported having received subscriptions amounting to \$5,996.18; the amount paid in being \$687.37. During the year the Treasurer has received in cash, \$610.71; total, \$1,298.08; a part of which amounting to \$298.71 was for new subscriptions, making the total subscribed to this date, \$6,294.89.

The Chairman of this Committee presented the subject to the English Conference at its meeting in Accrington, last summer, but is not aware of any action having been taken by that body in regard to coöperating in this work, unless it has been done by the Swedenborg Society, of which he has had no information.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

F. A. DEWSON, *Chairman*.

Addresses.

ADDRESS FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF
THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

BELOVED BRETHREN, — I am instructed by Minute 13 of the last session of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain to acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable address, and to assure you of our warm interest in your zealous and successful labors.

The history of the New Church both in Great Britain and America is modern. Its time of labor has been short, and it has had to contend with hostility. The Apocalyptic prophecies which relate to the New Dispensation indicate the opposition to which the Church of the New Jerusalem would be exposed, and the early history of the New Church gives abundant evidence of the fulfillment of these prophecies. This hostility which has been both by the pulpit and the press, appears at present to have worn itself out, and we have apparently entered on more peaceful times.

All times are in the hands of the Lord, and all the varying states of the Church are under His Providential control. The time of conflict is one of anxious labor; the fruit of victory, which is the ensuing peace, is the opportunity for wise instruction and vigorous growth. The tempest has loosened the soil and caused the roots of the "trees of righteousness" to strike deeper; and so in the war of the dragon against the woman, "the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." (REV. xii. 16.)

Increased liberty of thought has given a tolerance to the promulgation of truth, which in the beginning period of New-Church history did not exist. This tolerance has opened the way to our missionary operations and led to a wide distribution of the writings of the Church. It has thus promoted extended and hopeful labors, though the results may not have equalled the expectations of the sanguine. The new age on which the Church has

entered is distinguished by this increased liberty of thought, and a corresponding generosity of feeling ; but the lack of sound doctrine often prevents the reaching of wise conclusions. Men feel intensely and act generously, but the feeling and action is not always directed by the wisdom descending from above. The endeavor to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, reclaim the vicious, and improve the social condition of the poor, must always command the sympathy of the disciples of the Saviour. But all these works need to be guided by a wise discretion that they may reach a useful end.

The intenser liberty of thought which has distinguished recent times has increased the need for the promulgation of the doctrines of the New Jerusalem. The most unblushing efforts are made on all hands to disparage the plenary inspiration of Holy Scripture. In this the enemies of revelation are scarcely more active than its professed friends. Those who fail to discover any deeper meaning in the Word than the letter, treat in the most negative spirit, and often with marked disrespect, many portions of the Scriptures both of the Old and New Testament. Nor can the difficulties among which these teachers stumble be removed but by a knowledge of the spiritual sense of the Word and the law of correspondence whereby it is interpreted. The Divinely appointed means of the world's enlightenment in spiritual truths is the written Word of God correctly interpreted, devoutly loved, and faithfully applied to practice. In the preservation of the Word as the connecting link between the Church in heaven and on earth, is our only hope for the salvation of the churches and the regeneration of the world. We, therefore, who possess the key to the mystery of revelation are set for the hope of the spiritual Israel. We stand, as Moses stood, between the living and the dead, between those who retain a firm faith in the everlasting truth of Divine revelation and those who reject its teaching, and we may not be faithless in our work.

In this kingdom we are stimulated in our efforts in the dissemination of the Heavenly Doctrines by the example of your zeal and earnestness in the good work. Especially is this the case in your efforts for the diffusion of the literature of the Church. The printing press is confessedly one of the most powerful agencies of modern times. It is not intended to supersede, but to render permanent, the service of the living voice. It is of Divine Provi-

dence that all the agencies for disseminating a knowledge of the truth should be actively employed at the time of the Lord's Second Advent into the world. In the New Church we are in no danger of neglecting the use of the press or undervaluing its importance. Can we say the same of the voice of the preacher and missionary? At a time when all read, when the diffusion of literature is of unparalleled extent and unprecedented activity, there is danger that the importance of missionary efforts and pulpit instructions in worshipping congregations may be undervalued. Swedenborg, while clearly pointing out the worthlessness of external worship when separated from charity, which is its internal life and spirit, is equally emphatic in asserting the duty and value of this reasonable service when properly discharged.

And this suggests an important inquiry. We have established societies, erected churches, and thus, in many places, made provision for the orderly worship of the Church and instruction of its members. Are those members always sufficiently alive to the inestimable value of these provisions for the promotion of their spiritual growth? Do not the fascinations of earthly pleasures and the attractions of the world too often seduce them from the sweet and solid enjoyments of the public worship of the Lord? There is nothing in this world, which to a rightly cultured mind, yields so rich and enduring a satisfaction as the services of the sanctuary. Our author tells us that in the heavens they have public worship as on earth, and that the members of the several congregations have their appointed places, whence the harmony and delight of their worship. The public worship on earth, therefore, when engaged in with fervor and sincerity, is the point of earthly life which approaches nearest to heaven. Angels are present in our assemblies and their influences of tranquillity and peace are active to promote our delight in the Lord and joy in the services of his house.

In the establishment of the Church, the wall of external strength and beauty which protects her internal treasures of faith and love may be built in troublous times and amid discouraging circumstances. In the slow progress and difficult consolidation of the Church's external establishment, we are apt to overlook the providential movements which are over the Church, and which, in the permission of our discouragements, provides a means of strengthening our faith and patience in the fulfilment of His promises. In

the apparent fruitlessness of our labors we may see a repetition of the experience of the Lord and His early apostles, and trace the experience of some of the wisest and most exemplary teachers in all ages of the world.

In the world we shall have tribulation. Nor will this tribulation be confined to merely earthly matters. The members of the Church are not regenerate but regenerating, and conflict in opinion, especially on questions relating to the external Church, may be reasonably expected. But just as the traveller who climbs the highest peaks of the Alps may sometimes see below him the lightning's flash and hear the rolling thunder, which indicate the storm and tempest which is below his feet, while above is the clear sunshine and heaven of blue, so the Christian beholds the conflicts of differing opinions and the turbulence of conflicting feeling in the external things of the Church and the conflicts of the world, while in the region of his faith and love he possesses his soul in patience and looks forward in hope.

So also may our conflicts on earth issue in the lasting peace of our Heavenly Father's kingdom.

On behalf of the General Conference, I am, yours in the service of the Church,

RICHARD STORRY,
President of the General Conference.

Countersigned, E. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your annual letter, communicated through your President, the Rev. Richard Storry, and read by your messenger, Mr. Richard Gunton, has been listened to with interest. We heartily reciprocate its sentiments of fraternal feeling. We recognize in its description of the tendency of the religious mind of Great Britain towards a state of greater freedom and toleration, with its blessings and its perils, a condition that prevails in our own country. And we believe, with you, that the effectual remedy for the unbelief which is a part of this condition, can be found

only in a positive faith—in the new revelation which has been revealed from heaven, and in the life to which it leads. In the promulgation of this faith, and in the endeavor to realize this life, it is our duty and our privilege to labor together, and to encourage and strengthen one another in our work.

As it is with you, so is it true with us, that the open and visible opposition to the New Church is far less pronounced than formerly; but more insidious foes retard the advancement of the truth. We frequently hear the question, right in our own midst, "Why does not the Church grow faster?" When asked, as it frequently is, by those who are inclined to lay the blame at the door of our faulty methods and faulty men, it is well to remember the prediction as unfolded from the passage of the Book of Revelation to which your address refers (A. R. 561) that the New Church will exist for an indefinite season among a few people, and so take courage. This Church which is to exist among a few is moreover the Church which brings forth the man child of true doctrine—which gives birth and thus consciousness to true thoughts of God, the Saviour, the Bible, and the life to come. And if we seek the deep reason why the church must exist so long among a few, we find the answer in the reply of one of our ministers to a church member who had asked the question, namely, "You have only to look into your own heart to find the answer."

But the question is asked in another spirit by others; not as a criticism of our faulty men and methods; but with a feeling that we have perhaps made a mistake in our organization; who fear that this is not the Lord's work we are trying to do, and hence our failure to receive His blessing. Some of these (not many, indeed) seem to have a feeling that the New Church is coming in the old organizations, and to such an extent that they are almost ready to go back to the old. There are others who fail to take an active part in our organized effort from a feeling that the real New Church is to be looked for in the various developments of a seemingly spiritual nature and origin, peculiar to this age, namely, those which claim spiritual seership or revelation. Without condemning any of these things as a whole, and thankfully acknowledging that the Divine Wisdom may use them as stepping-stones to higher conditions, there is one test by which they are to be judged for our own use, namely, the test of the two great commandments.

Applying this test to the state of the Christian Church of today, it does not as yet afford much that is positive in the way of belief. The old organizations are becoming rapidly Gentile. Prominent religious leaders are exhibiting their lack of standing ground. There is a demand by some for a rectification of the creeds, but apparently little expectation that the help of the Church is to come from heaven in the form of a new revelation. But the Church in this country is rapidly substituting a very kindly social life for a life of faith, and exhibiting a growing interest in all movements which look to the amelioration of the condition of the poor and ignorant and debased. There is also, as your address remarks, an almost unbounded toleration. One Church, in a large city, nominally evangelical, has a place in its service for readings from the religious writings of all lands. Another is an educational institution, teaching not only letters, but different trades or industries. The tendency is to fit people for successful lives in this world rather than to fit them for heaven. Surely we are not to feel sorry for this. The only possible objection lies in the fact that there are a few among us who seem to think that by these practical fruits the old organizations approve themselves to New-Churchmen as being a complete fulfilment of the law that "all religion is of the life, and the life of religion is to do good."

The reply to this tendency surely is that the real New Church is the conjunction of the truths of faith, and not merely the truths of science or political economy, with the life of charity. The real Church possesses the two great commandments of love to God and love to man, and by this law and testimony must we judge it. It must, either consciously or unconsciously, possess the truth about God before it can love Him. The Church on whose altar is inscribed the words "to the unknown God," cannot be the true Church of God; for man cannot love an unknown, much less an unknowable God. The sacrament of the New Christianity must be "in both kinds;" for "man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God doth man live."

And are we not to judge the value (at least the value to those capable of receiving New-Church light) of the several spiritual claims peculiar to this age, by the same test?—love to God and love to man. Every one of these phases of belief exalts, at least in theory, love to man. Do they also exalt love to God, and make

it the greatest commandment of all? Without love to man we cannot love God ; neither without love to God can we really love man. The God who is to be loved is not a God who has infused Himself into man, for then would the love of God be the same as the love of self. Nor is the God to be loved one who is invisible, or inconceivable, or impersonal. Formerly missionaries went from Bible lands to Asia ; but now there come missionaries from Asia to Bible lands, with a doctrine, as interpreted to us in its esoteric form, in which we find no God that we can approach and before whom we can humble ourselves and become as little children. We find in it a claim that all truths are truths of science ; we do not find the truths of faith. We find a development theory of which Darwinism is but the alphabet — Darwinism carried into the infinities and eternities. But does not this lack of a God to love distinguish nearly all of these spiritual manifestations peculiar to this age, which claim to be substitutes for the Church, which must be founded on love to God and love to man? For the most part, they have but one great commandment, and one table of stone, and one witness instead of two witnesses. They have no place for humility, nor prayer. They make man the owner instead of the steward, or else they make God all, and man nothing. They have no Cherubim, crying, "holy, holy, holy." In saying these things, we do not forget the potential and unconscious faith in God which may exist in seemingly agnostic minds. On the contrary, the true New Church has for its central truth, its chief corner stone, the doctrine of God and personality and visibility in the glorified form of Jesus Christ, as He was realized by different persons, in the early days of their reception of New-Church teachings, in different parts of the world.

Therefore, brethren, let us not be beguiled from our duty by any form of faith not founded on the two great commandments. But believing in the glorified Saviour, let us strive to give ourselves up to His service, by seeking to uplift and bless our fellow-men. By this sign we shall conquer. Let us strive, in the Master's name, not only to do our work as a missionary body more faithfully, but let us do more than mission work. Let us be Churches, performing the quieter, humbler, holier work of caring for the lambs and feeding the sheep, healing the sick, binding up the wounded, seeking and saving those who are lost. Instead of asking, "are we a Church?" let us *be* a Church, leading to the good

of life. Whenever the Church shall accept, practically, the doctrines of love to the Lord and love to man, then it shall win the world. But we believe with you, dear brethren, that the trials through which we are passing may be a needed preparation for this fuller consecration of ourselves, our souls and bodies, to this holy service, and so should hopefully, prayerfully, and patiently wait for better things, at the same time doing all that we can for the coming of the Lord's kingdom.

If the Moses age of the New Church has come to an end, let us go forward under Joshua. If the burning bush has ceased to burn, let us seek for the Captain of the Lord's host, the Divine Man who shall lead us forth to victory against the Anakim of the soul. "Only be strong and of good courage."

There are hopeful signs among us, of which you will read in our reports. The New-Church organization is growing slowly, but it is growing; and the old organizations are preparing for better things.

We are enjoying and profiting by the presence of your messenger, Mr. Gunton, with us; and we hope that this beginning of official and friendly relations may be continued year by year.

With a prayer for your prosperity and peace, I remain, dear brethren, in the name of the General Convention,

Affectionately your friend and brother,

JOHN GODDARD.

Washington, D. C., May 27, 1889.

Communications.

FROM THE REV. C. J. N. MANBY, GOTTENBURG, SWEDEN.

To the General Convention of the New Church in America : —

DEAR AND MOST RESPECTED BRETHREN, — This time I have a special cause of addressing you. Your Board of Missions have extended to me their noble and highly valued benevolence in giving me the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the year ending now in May. For this I have expressed to them my heartfelt gratitude, but I feel a want to pronounce also to you my humble thankfulness for such an encouraging action of your Board of Missions. What a great encouragement it has given me in my labor, and the societies whose minister I am, only to know that we have your fraternal sympathy so beautifully expressed by noble action! That, indeed, is more worth than money.

As regards my work during the past year, you know already, by your *Messenger*, of my very successful missionary tour last summer, to many parts of our country, the papers in most places having expressed themselves most favorably about the discourses, after giving long reports of them. In Gottenburg, I ministered from the sixteenth of September until Nov. 11, and from Jan. 20 until March 10, inclusive, and in Stockholm the other time. When journeying to and from Stockholm, I, as usually, visited Orebro, where I have held several discourses, commonly before very good audiences.

Of course one minister cannot be sufficient for such a large field, and therefore, I warmly hope you kindly will pay a sincere attention to our proposition, or prayer, through your Board of Missions, to send us a missionary, whom we may have as a steady worker in our capital. It is, indeed, high time to have our working forces augmented. Next autumn it will be four years since I was obliged to divide my time between Stockholm and Gottenburg, besides missionary work in other places. And also I have much literary work. Besides our monthly *Skandinavisk Nykyrktidning*, edited by me, I am translating several works, which ought to be published as soon as possible. One of them will, I hope, be ready about

Whitsuntide, — I mean the work on *Heaven and Hell*, the publishing of which, in a new translation, we owe to your generous Dr. Ellis. This work will be a mighty help to the missionary cause, it being intended to give it to the clergy, in a like way as is the case with the *True Christian Religion*, published by the Rev. A. Boyesen, also at the cost of the same American gentleman.

May the Lord grant His good benediction to all our work, and may He richly bless you and your important labors at this session to the benefit of His Church in general.

Yours in our Lord's New Church, most respectfully and affectionately,

C. J. N. MANBY.

FROM THE REV. F. GOERWITZ, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.

DEAR BROTHER, — Almost a year has passed since I received your favor of June 22, 1888, communicating to me the resolutions by which the General Convention, at its last session, expressed the fraternal feelings which it bears to the Swiss New-Church Union.

We have since had the pleasure of welcoming in our midst the Rev. Frank Sewall as messenger of the General Convention. Rev. Frank Sewall took part in our annual meeting, which was held on Sept. 9, 1888, and submitted the above mentioned resolutions to the assembly. The assembly was rejoiced to have a messenger of the General Convention present, and expressed its cordial thanks for the expressions of friendship and fraternity which the General Convention transmitted through him to the Union.

Our Union numbered in September last one hundred and two members. Five new members have since been added, and two old members have passed into the spiritual world. The receivers in Switzerland may be classed into three groups: 1. Zurich and environs; 2. Berne; and 3. The eastern district, comprising the cantons of St. Gall and Appenzell. Once a month I visit the circle in Berne, and once to twice a month the receivers in the eastern part. My preaching stations there are: *Au*, in the Rhine valley, *Herisau* (Canton Appenzell) and *Nesslau* (Canton St. Gall).

Last summer I made a missionary tour to Vienna, Austria, and organized there a society of thirty members, which is under my pastoral charge, sending me monthly reports. They meet every Sunday morning and afternoon for a service of song, prayer, and

the reading of a sermon. I can only visit them once a year on account of the distance.

This little society consists in great part of members that formerly belonged to the Vienna New-Church Union, but separated from it, when the heresies propagated by Mr. Albert Artopé, of Berlin, gained admittance, and were adopted by the majority.

Mr. Artopé claims to have been instructed in the internal sense of the Word by direct revelation from the Lord. In 1886, he organized a society in Berlin, and in 1887 commenced the publication of a monthly (afterwards bi-monthly) journal called "*Die Neue Kirche*," that is, "The New Church." In the first number of this paper, January, 1887, speaking of the revelations made to Swedenborg, he says: "Also today and in future times the Lord can give similar revelations. He shows us by Swedenborg how he can open the spiritual eyes of man, if by constantly looking up to Him he shows himself willing to have them opened." In No. 4 of the same year he declares that he was instructed in the internal sense of the Word, by direct revelations from the Lord, before he had any knowledge of Swedenborg's works, and adds: "I have a revelation, an internal perception, a conscious life in the heavens, which cannot be conceived more beautiful for here below. Theological schools—those of the New Church not excepted—he rejects as human institutions, through which priestly dominion has been introduced. (September, 1887.)

These so-called revelations and perceptions of Mr. Artopé are the results of spiritism, of which he was an adherent at the time he claims to have been instructed in the internal sense of the Word, and they have led him to terrible falsifications of the doctrines of the New Church. He now denies the actuality of the life of our Lord upon our earth. He denies the incarnation and glorification of the Lord; faith in the "historical Christ," in the Lord who dwelt on our earth, he designates as idolatry, as pertaining to the old Church; the faith of the New Church, according to him, is to be based on the "spiritual Christ," on "Christ in us," as he terms it.

It is very painful to see, that in the name of the New Church doctrines are propagated which aim to destroy the foundation of the New Church, the faith in the Lord, the Redeemer, the visible God.

Our Swiss New-Church Union has not been touched in a direct

way by these heresies, which have found no reception amongst our members. The Herisau Union, however, which had separated from the Swiss Union ten years ago, on account of opposition to the organization of a distinctive New Church and New-Church industry, have received these heresies, and have become followers of Mr. Artopé. Only Mr. Eggmann, the aged president and leader of the Herisau Union, with his wife and two or three others, have ceased to go with Mr. Artopé. Mr. Eggmann has resigned the position, which he has held these many years, and on last Easter Sunday he took part in the celebration of the Holy Supper with my little flock in Herisau. He deeply mourns the apostasy of his former friends and companions. He writes: "It seems now that I have worked in vain at my post; the enemy has come and has crushed the seed, even with my own sons."

Of the Church in Germany I can report but little, my official connection with the German New-Church Union having ceased four years ago. The little circle in Eastern Prussia, which Mr. Schiwiek had gathered around him, after his death placed itself under the leadership of Mr. Artopé, and accepted his doctrines. So here, too, "the enemy has come and crushed the seed." The Executive Committee of the German New-Church Union at first supported and aided Mr. Artopé and his paper in every way, but since last fall they have ceased to do so. It is planned to dissolve the Union, and instead of it to form a society, the sole object of which will be the publication and circulation of the writings.

Mr. J. G. Mittnacht, who performs the important use for the whole German New Church of publishing and keeping on sale the writings of the Church, has moved from Frankford-on-the-Main to Biebrich-Mosbach (on the Rhine, opposite Mayence), and the depot of New-Church books is there now. For Switzerland, Mrs. Baumann, the widow of the late Rev. Mr. Baumann, keeps an assortment on hand, here in Zurich, which is from time to time replenished from Mr. Mittnacht's stock.

To the approaching session of the General Convention, I send you in the name of the Executive Committee of the Swiss Union of the New Church, our cordial greetings and best wishes. We unite with you in prayers for the welfare and progress of the New Church in America. It will be a pleasure and an encouragement to us to receive from time to time words of sympathy from your

honored body. As a minister of the General Convention, I shall report on my work from time to time.

Yours fraternally,

F. GOERWITZ,

President of the Swiss Union of the New Church.

FROM THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE NEW CHURCH.

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN,—A pleasant duty devolves upon us. It is to be the instruments of entering into communication with an organized body of the New Church, carrying forward in an efficient and acceptable manner the uses so dear to all our hearts. It gives us great pleasure to have this address to the General Convention emanate from a body of earnest men, organized under an efficient form for service, with a set of New-Church uses before them brought into a definite and consequently available form. For a number of years the German New Church in America had been standing still and had been going steadfastly and quietly to sleep. The circulation of its externally organized life was kept alive feebly by individual missionary effort, by men struggling with adverse circumstances, both financially as well as ecclesiastically, the main work in the way of missions being performed by our brother, Rev. A. O. Brickmann. When the Lord opened the veil that hangs between matter and spirit and called this servant into a higher field, the German Church saw its own unorganized or rather inefficiently organized form more clearly than ever. The intercommunication hitherto maintained by the sturdy pioneer Brickmann ceased, and the little groups and knots of believers, deprived of their pioneer by death and of their source of literary supply by the comparative apathy and inactivity of those to whom it was entrusted, languished, and the demand for an organized body to bring these people into communication, and to serve as a bond of fellowship between them, became more and more apparent and urgent. No organization of the New Church up to the date of the synod could adequately meet this demand. The new demand required a new instrument whereby it could be met. It required a body of preachers and people in which the elements of the east and the west could mingle and unite; in which the distinctive German

character could be maintained in such a way as to make the performance of use possible in view of the weak and the strong points of German character ; in such a way again as to make the spasmodic missionary effort of the past into an intelligent and a persistent one ; in such a way also as to prepare the way for a better and truer spiritual life, and to remove the impending danger of a theocracy or a hierarchy, which had paralyzed the hands of our most efficient workers.

With these points in view the German Synod of the New Church was organized in October, 1887, and we render thanks to Him who is, who was, and who shall be, that He has blessed the efforts of this little body in so remarkable a way. The first work before the Synod was to give shape to the missionary efforts in the different states. This has been done, and we trust to make our system more and more complete. Thanks to the material assistance rendered just at the time of the organization of the Synod by the German translation of Dr. Ellis's work on *Skepticism and Divine Revelation*, which is now being sent out to all the clergy of Germany and America, who are conversant with the German language, the work of the Synod has been turned into channels hitherto unopened. This has been so remarkable, that the thought is confirmed in us — what a strange thought it is, too — that the Lord is actually the moving power in His New Church, and that He has by and through His Divine Providence caused the coincidence of these two movements, even as the commander of a vessel sends two of his able-bodied seamen forward to reef and close-haul a sail, when he finds that one is unable to do it, or that the one who has been sent is tired with the storm of the night and is waiting for the piping down of the watch.

The results attained are palpable. Aside from the number of members who hailed the advent of this body with the delight begotten of anxiety, aside also from the financial backing, which immediately arose to this organization, and which has made many things possible which otherwise might not have been done, there are other and more important results. The first is, that the missionary field has been attended to in the last two years with an efficiency before unattained, and that consequently the little groups of receivers of the New-Church doctrines have been strengthened and sustained ; the second is, that new places, opened first mainly through the book of Dr. Ellis, have been attended to, have been

brought into shape, and have been given substantial aid and assistance; the third is, that there has been an effort systemized of reaching new points through the *Bote der Neuen Kirche* (German for *New-Church Messenger*) which has been very successful, both here and in Germany; the fourth is, that the sale of books, hitherto rather stagnant, has been diverted toward the German Synod, a second book depository opened, and the old channels re-dug and new ones planned and opened for the advancement of the book trade in the German New Church; and the fifth and final one is, that it has brought into close and personal relationship those who otherwise might never have met, never have shaken hands, never have looked into one another's eyes. There is much blessing and strength in that.

We trust, nay, we know, that the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in Washington assembled, will regard with favor and with charity this manner of retrospective communication from a sister body, working in the same vineyard and following out the same uses by instrumentalities adapted to the quality and to the nature of the work to be performed. May the good Father, our Lord and Saviour Jehovah-Jesus, be with the deliberation of your body in its sessions in the national capital. May He enlighten the minds and strengthen the hands in the work. For the harvest is ripe unto the sickle, and in the white fields there are many needed, some to reap, some to bind the sheaves, some to count and keep tally, and some to glean the scattered ears. May we all attend our labors faithfully, diligently, carefully, and sincerely, so that when the Master girds Himself and calls for us to lie down at table with Him, He may say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In the name of the German Synod of the New Church we greet you.

ADOLPH J. BARTELS, *President*.

J. C. MENSCHNER, *Secretary*.

ADOLPH ROEDER, *Cor. Secretary*.

FROM THE WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America: —*

BRETHREN, — On the evening of Feb. 9, 1889, the temple of the Washington Society, on North Capitol Street, between B and C Streets, was so badly damaged by fire, as to be practically destroyed. Shortly thereafter, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the advisability of rebuilding the old temple, or of purchasing a lot in the northwest section of the city and building anew.

After holding several meetings and considering the matter, and after carefully examining a number of lots, we decided, that it was not, in our judgment, advisable to rebuild the old temple, but that it was best to procure an eligible lot for a new temple, between K and P Streets north, and Twelfth and Eighteenth Streets west, or fronting or cornering on said boundary streets. We reported these conclusions to the annual meeting of the society on April 10, and the matter was then considered and discussed, the sentiment of the society sustaining the view of the Committee so far as expressed. No action was taken, however, except to receive the report as a report of progress, and to continue the Committee, with instructions to present this subject to the Convention at its approaching meeting for its consideration and counsel, believing that the churches of the whole country have an interest in the matter.

We, therefore, in the discharge of this duty, ask you to give this subject your earnest and prayerful thought, and see if there is not a meaning and a lesson to be drawn from this fire, full of interest, and promising good to the New Church of the whole country.

Our examination of lots enable us to state that a suitable lot, in a good locality, can be procured for a price ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

If the Church at large shall conclude it is wise to undertake the erection of a national church edifice here, we are ready to take the initiative in that direction, and by sale of our present property can realize enough to enable us to make a subscription of \$15,000 toward the enterprise, provided we incur a debt of two or three thousand dollars.

We feel authorized to state further, that our society will not stand in the way of any such general undertaking, but will do all in its power to promote the success of such plan if decided upon.

Should it be deemed unwise, however, to enter upon such work at this time, our society must proceed cautiously and slowly in its own way and on a more economical basis, doing what we can for the upbuilding of the New Church in the capital, and for satisfying the growing demand for new doctrine and advanced thought among the many sojourners here ; for our past experience of more than twenty years in paying off indebtedness, makes us hesitate to again load ourselves with a heavy debt.

JOB BARNARD,
H. M. SCHOOLEY,
JNO. JOY EDSON,
A. D. MUSSEY,
SARA A. SPENCER,
INA A. SIBBALD,
FLORA BARNARD.

FROM CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ADVENT SOCIETY, PHILADELPHIA.

*To the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem
in the United States of America :—*

THE petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that we were members in good standing of "The New-Jerusalem Society of the Advent" at the time the Reverend Louis H. Tafel was removed from its pastorate by the Bishop of the General Church of Pennsylvania ; that a formal protest against that removal was duly presented to that Bishop at the time of the delivery of his sentence of removal, but which he refused to receive.

We, therefore, believing it to be contrary to Divine order for the pastor of a New-Church Society to be arbitrarily removed without the consent of its members, present this protest to you against that act ; do appeal to your Honorable Body to reverse that removal, and ask that you take such further action in the matter as you may deem wise and just.

EDW. S. CAMPBELL,
S. C. SMITH,
WM. DENOVAN,
J. ANSHUTZ,
and 59 others.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D. D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee (or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECTION 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECTION 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of —— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have used the income only of the property devised, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consists in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

THIS Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord from His Word in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

ARTICLE II.—*Meetings, etc.*

SECTION 1.—Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

SECTION 2.—All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the Societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

SECTION 3.—Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen; a Council of Ministers, consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with four ministers and six laymen, to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—*Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have superintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V. — *The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE..

"There are things of two kinds which must be in order among men, namely, those that are of heaven, and those that are of the world : those that are of heaven are called ecclesiastical, and those that are of the world are called civil.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers, who shall observe all things that are done according to order, and those done contrary to order; and shall reward them that live according to order, and punish them that live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish; for it is innate in every one by inheritance to desire to rule over others, and to possess the goods of others; whence come enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils: wherefore, unless men were held in check by laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for them that do good; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life for them that do evil; the human race would perish.

"There must therefore be rulers to keep associations of men in order, who should be skilled in the laws, wise, and fearing God. There must also be order among the rulers, lest any, from caprice or inexperience, should permit evils against order, and so destroy it: which is guarded against when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination.

"Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical affairs, are called priests, and their office the priesthood. But rulers over the things among men which relate to the world, or civil affairs, are called magistrates, and their chief, where there is such a form of government, is called a king.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them; they must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the sheep; but they that teach, and do not lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are evil shepherds.

"Priests must not claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, because they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone.

"Priests should have dignity and honor on account of the holy things which they administer; but they that are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom are the holy things, and not to themselves; while they that are not wise, ascribe honor to themselves. These take it away from the Lord. Those that ascribe honor to themselves, on account of the holy things which they administer, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for; but those that give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated with the employment. Personal honor is the honor of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord.

"Priests must teach the people and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one; since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated; for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists.

"As priests are appointed to administer the things which are of Divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer the things which are of civil law and judgment."—H. D., nos. 311-319.

SECTION 1.—A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so long as continued; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 2.—A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECTION 3.—A minister who has been invited by a society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECTION 4.—A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention; or an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of General Pastor in its Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, during his continuance in office; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECTION 5.—When a minister is suspended from the exercise of the functions of his office by authority of an Association or other General Body of the Church, such suspension shall be reported to the Council of Ministers, and by them reported to the General Convention, with their recommendations as to the final disposal of the case. The General Council of the Convention may suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association or other General Body of the Church, which suspension shall in like manner be reported to the Council of Ministers and by them reported to the General Convention. This Section shall not be so construed as to prevent an Association from enjoining a minister from the exercise of his functions within its own limits.

ARTICLE VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote ; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be referred to the General Council or the Council of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting ; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a three-fourths vote of the Convention.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word and prayer, every morning.

SECTION 2.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECTION 4.—All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each session of the Convention.

SECTION 5.—Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order:—

1. Address of the President.
2. Report of the Secretaries.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the General Council.
5. Report of the Board of Publication.
6. Report of the Corporation of the Theological School.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund.
8. Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.
10. Report of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.
12. Report of the Council of Ministers.
13. Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.
14. Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's manuscripts.
15. Report of the American New-Church Sabbath-school Association.
16. Reports of Associations in alphabetical order.
17. Reports of Societies.
18. Reports of General Pastors and Ministers.
19. Special Reports.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. New Business.

When any report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to

the report of the General Council, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above reports until all of them have been read; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECTION 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECTION 8.—When a report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECTION 9.—The *yays* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECTION 10.—The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

SECTION 11.—The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention.

SECTION 12.—The President shall from time to time address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other general bodies of the Church, or appoint some person or persons to do so.

SECTION 13.—All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention or the General Council for adoption.

SECTION 14.—The Board of Publication shall make its annual report to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of the session of the Convention, embracing all matters intended to be brought by it before that body for its action.

SECTION 15.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECTION 16.—The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the General Council; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall judge necessary.

They shall condense and tabulate all reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings; they shall revise the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectively are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECTION 17.—The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other documents sent to this Convention, as soon as received. They shall also under the direction of the President distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies or persons abroad.

SECTION 18.—Meetings of the General Council may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Council, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Council, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Council; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Council at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation.

SECTION 19.—All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution; but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence.

SECTION 20.—The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any committee, or to appoint any committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal. All officers and committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention.

SECTION 21.—There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention, and of nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION 22.—A committee of three persons shall be appointed to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for each meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention; but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention.

SECTION 23.—A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one, two, three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, by the Convention or the General Council, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECTION 24.—When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretaries. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Secretaries to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention. The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of the ministers, and report the same to the Convention.

SECTION 25.—Whenever any person who has been elected a member of the Convention shall become united with an Association, or other collective body of the Church, which is connected with this Convention, his name shall be omitted from the list of those who are members by election.

SECTION 26.—All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECTION 27.—The Constitution and Act of Incorporation shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.
2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)
3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath school and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.
5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15-17.
6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.
8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following associated bodies and members by election :—

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Berlin, Wellesley, Strathroy, Montreal, Toronto, Parkdale, and Hamilton.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Chicago, Batavia, Peoria, Canton, Henry, Wilmington, Jefferson, Wis., La Porte, Ind., St. Louis, Mo., Hutton, and Olney.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Portland, Bath, Gardiner, Bangor, and Fryeburgh.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Wilmington, Del., Baltimore First German, Washington, D. C., Easton and Preston, Md., and individual members of the Baltimore Society.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Pawtucket, R. I., Mansfield, Fall River, Springfield, Brookline, Salem, Providence, R. I., Newtonville, Waltham, Boston Highlands, Lancaster, Manchester, N. H., and Dorchester.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Detroit, Almont, Ypsilanti, Springdale, and Grand Rapids.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Minneapolis and St. Paul.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

This Association embraces societies and receivers in the States of New York, New Jersey, and part of Connecticut. *Societies.*—New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Paterson, Riverhead, Orange, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., Newark (German), New York (German), Mystic, Conn., Brooklyn (German), and Hempstead, L. I.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Cincinnati, Urbana, East Rockport, Glendale Parish, Pomeroy and Middleport, Newark, Cleveland Parish, O., Richmond and Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe County, Toledo, and Napoleon, Ohio.

THE GENERAL CHURCH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Societies.—Pittsburg, Philadelphia (Advent), Lancaster, Greenford, O., Renovo, Allentown, Brooklyn, N. Y., Concordia, Kan., Erie, Pa., Chicago, Ill., (Immanuel), Delaware Co., and Bethel.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Philadelphia, Philadelphia Union, Frankford, Vineland, N. J., and Allentown.

SOCIETIES.

Edenfield, Pa.....	admitted	1866
Milwaukee, Wis.	"	1867
San Francisco, Cal.	"	1870
San Francisco, Cal., First	"	1875
Denver, Colorado	"	1879
Savannah, Ga.	"	1881
Connecticut Association	"	1884
Topeka, Kans.	"	1885

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D. D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D. D., care Drexel, Harjes, & Co., Paris, France, ordained June 9, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained May, 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, P. O. Box 444, Berlin, Ontario, Can., ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

William H. Benade, 3257 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1846. Ordained June, 1847; consecrated June 8, 1873.

Joseph Pettee, Abington, Mass., ordained July 25, 1838; consecrated July 26, 1874.

John Goddard, Station I, Cincinnati, O., ordained Feb. 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1883.

Jabez Fox, 22 Nicolaus Strasse, Wiesbaden, ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

Warren Goddard, Brockton, Mass.....	Ordained Sept. 19, 1839
Nathan Clark Burnham, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	" May 29, 1840
William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me.	" June 13, 1851
Samuel H. Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass.....	" Aug. 28, 1851
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	" May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O....	" April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1911 No. Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo.	" Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 12 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass.	" April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, LL. D., Elmwood, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
George Nelson Smith, Northport, Mich.....	" June 24, 1860
James E. Mills, Quincy, Cal.....	" Aug. 19, 1860
Adolph J. Bartels, 410 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill..	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y...	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	" Oct. 7, 1860
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	" Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louis Carriere, 2128 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	" May 4, 1862
Edw. Craig Mitchell, 534 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	" Nov. 27, 1862
Edwin Gould, 219 Green Ave., Montreal, Can.....	" Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, Baring Bros. & Co., London, England ..	" Aug. 23, 1863
Theodore Edson, Lockland, O.....	" Nov. 29, 1863

Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass.....	Ordained June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.	" Oct. 29, 1865
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.	" Oct. 9, 1867
John W. Hunt, 630 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md..	" Oct. 27, 1867
Joseph Worcester, 1407 Jones St., San Francisco, Cal.	" Nov. 3, 1867
John Doughty, 1508 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Cal.	" April 12, 1868
William H. Mayhew, Urbana, O.	" April 8, 1869
Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater, Mass.	" April 8, 1869
Gustave Reiche, Topeka, Kans.	" May 16, 1869
Leonard G. Jordan, Oakland, Cal.	" June 6, 1869
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Oct. 3, 1869
Samuel S. Seward, 185 Lexington Avenue, New York.	" Oct. 15, 1869
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal.	" May 1, 1870
Edward P. Walton, Dallas, Texas.	" Oct. 30, 1870
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga.	" Sept. 10, 1871
Stephen Jepson, Springfield, Mass.	" Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	" Sept. 29, 1872
E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J.	" Dec. 10, 1872
John Jacob Lehnert, Norway, Iowa	" May 11, 1873
John E. Bowers, 36 Homewood Ave., Toronto, Can. . .	" May 11, 1873
William F. Pendleton, 821 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Sept. 3, 1873
Albinus F. Frost, 417 Fourth Avenue, Detroit, Mich..	" Oct. 16, 1873
W. D. Hastings, Janesville, Wis.	" Oct. 1873
Warren Goddard, Jr., 113 Atlantic St., Providence, R. I.	" April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Abington, Mass.	" Oct. 15, 1874
Solomon H. Spencer, Germantown, Pa.	" Oct. 18, 1874
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.	" Oct. 24, 1874
Oliver Dyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	" May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, cor. of Aisquith and Fayette Sts., Baltimore, Md.	" June 11, 1876
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	" Sept. 24, 1876
Richard De Charms, 2938 California St., Denver, Col..	" Jan. 21, 1877
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	" April 13, 1877
John Westall, Fall River, Mass.	" Oct. 11, 1877
Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa.	" Oct. 23, 1877
D. H. Rains, Chattanooga, Tenn.	" Feb. 3, 1878
James Power Smith, Ridgedale, Chattanooga, Tenn. . .	" March 6, 1878
James B. Parmelee, 1129 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	" June 2, 1878
Julian K. Smyth, 26 Montrose St., Roxbury, Mass.	" Jan. 5, 1879
Fedor Goerwitz, Zum Frieden, Oberstrass, Zurich, Switzerland	" June 1, 1879
William A. L. Campbell, 158 Ave. I, West Galveston, Texas	" June 22, 1879
Orson L. Barler, Beatrice, Neb.	" Nov. 1, 1879
D. Vinton Bowen, Ontario, Cal.	" April 8, 1880
Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.	" April 25, 1880

Edward C. Bostock, 432 Carroll Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Sept. 6, 1885)	Ordained	June 6, 1880
John Whitehead, 5508 Walnut St., E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa. (May 17, 1881)	"	June 6, 1880
Howard C. Dunham, 12 Winter St., Portland, Me. ...	"	Aug. 29, 1880
G. Lawrence Allbutt, 216 Robert St., Toronto, Can. ..	"	Oct. 20, 1880
Thomas A. King, 112 First St., Baltimore, Md.	"	Mch. 27, 1881
Ellis I. Kirk, Philipsburgh, Pa.	"	May 17, 1881
Jacob E. Werren, Abington, Mass.	"	Mch. 26, 1882
Joseph S. David, 3126 Fourth Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.	"	April 6, 1882
Benjamin D. Palmer, Paterson, N. J.	"	April 11, 1882
Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa	"	June 5, 1882
B. N. Stone, Fryeburgh, Me.	"	Aug. 27, 1882
Eugene D. Daniels, Indianapolis, Ind.	"	June 3, 1883
Eugene J. E. Schreck, 1821 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa. (March 21, 1886)	"	June 10, 1883
Andrew Czerney, 5506 Walnut St., E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 21, 1886)	"	June 10, 1883
William H. Schliffer, 81 South Second St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. (Jan. 9, 1887)	"	June 10, 1883
Philip B. Cabell, 35 Quincy St., Cleveland, O.	"	Sept. 16, 1883
Samuel C. Eby, Peoria, Ill.	"	June 1, 1884
John T. V. Croy, Riverside, Cal.	"	Feb. 15, 1885
John W. McSarrow, Alvis, Ark.	"	May 31, 1885
Henry Clinton Hay, Providence, R. I.	"	Oct. 1, 1885
William L. Worcester, 3502 Hamilton St., Phila., Pa.	"	Dec. 13, 1885
William Diehl, 36 McKibben St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	"	Dec. 20, 1885
Gardiner I. Ward, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	"	Feb. 8, 1886
William H. Alden, 2129 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	"	May 30, 1886
Henry H. Grant, Janesville, Wis.	"	May 30, 1886
Frank L. Higgins, 3144 Locust St., W. St. Louis, Mo.	"	May 30, 1886
John Edward Smith, Easton, Md.	"	May 30, 1886
Thomas Franklin Houts, Olney, Ill.	"	June 10, 1886
Wellington Hardy Butterfield, Minneapolis, Minn.	"	Oct. 20, 1886
George Mason Davidson, Riverhead, L. I., N. Y.	"	Feb. 6, 1887
Michael John Callan, 45 Endicott St., Salem, Mass. ..	"	May 20, 1888
George Stevens Wheeler, 32 Durfee St., Fall River, Mass.	"	May 20, 1888
Enoch S. Price, 1821 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa. ...	"	June 10, 1888
Carl Theophilus Odhner, 1821 Wallace St., Phila., Pa..	"	June 10, 1888
Fred E. Waelchley, Berlin, Ont., Can.	"	June 10, 1888
Edward S. Hyatt, 33 Elm Grove, Parkdale, Ont.	"	June 10, 1888
William M. McIntosh, Easton, Md.	"	Feb. 22, 1889

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Benjamin Worcester, Waltham, Mass.....	Authorized Oct.	7, 1857
Abraham L. Kip, 9 University Place, New York.....	" Jan.	12, 1887
John A. Hayes, 169 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.....	" May	1, 1887
William Henry Acton, 1821 Wallace St., Phila. Pa....	" May	19, 1887
N. Dandridge Pendleton, 1821 Wallace St., Phila., Pa.	" May	19, 1887
Charles B. Chace, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.....	" Oct.	1, 1887
George H. Dole, Grand Rapids, Mich.	" May	19, 1888
Francis T. Alba	" Feb.	22, 1889
Louis Rich.....	" May	25, 1889
Louis G. Landenberger.....	" May	25, 1889

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Rev. L. H. Tafel.

Rev. E. C. Bostock.

To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

David L. Webster.

James R. Carter.

Committee to take Charge of the Building of a House of Worship in Washington, D.C.
(Minute 48.)Francis A. Dewson.
David L. Webster.
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Mordaunt Bodine.
Lyman S. Burnham.G. Woolworth Colton.
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R. A. Keyes.
Job Barnard.
H. C. Spencer.
J. J. Edson.*Committee on Transportation.* (Minute 126.)

J. F. Goddard, Chicago, Ill.

E. Sugden, New York, N. Y.

Matters Referred to Officers and Committees.

To the General Council.

1. Mr. Scammon's proposed amendments to the Constitution. (Minutes 116-118, Journal 1889.)
2. Mr. Goddard's addition to Section 3 of the By-Laws. (Journal 1889, Minute 115.)

To the Council of Ministers.

1. Translation of the Word. (Journal 1877, Minutes 47-49.)
2. Mr. Cabell's proposed amendment to Section 5, Article V. of the Constitution. (Journal 1889, Minute 111.)
3. Mr. Hinkley's proposed amendment to the same. (Journal 1889, Minute 112.)
4. Mr. Whitehead's proposed substitute for the same. (Journal 1889, Minute 113.)
5. The induction of Mr. Pendleton into the third degree of the ministry. (Journal 1889, Minute 129.)
6. Mr. Hite's resolutions. (Journal 1889, Minute 130.)

To the Board of Publication.

1. Publication of Sunday-School Manuals. (Journal 1889, Minute 65.)
2. Publication of Missionary Liturgy. (Journal 1889, Minute 80.)
3. Printing the *Book of Worship* in larger type. (Journal 1889, Minute 135.)

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

1. Appropriation to Foreign Missions. (Journal 1885, Minute 117.)
2. Aid to the New Church in Sweden. (Journal 1888, Minute 43.)
3. Aid to Foreign Missions. (Journal 1889, Minute 128.)

To the Treasurer.

1. Disposition of the Mrs. Frances R. Towne Legacy. (Journal 1889, Minute 64.)

To the President and Secretaries.

1. Time of holding the next meeting. (Journal 1889, Minute 132.)

To the Treasurer of Board of Publication.

1. Auditing accounts of committee to raise money for the *Messenger* Fund. (Journal 1889, Minute 133.)

To the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1. Distribution of the Writings in Latin. (Journal 1886, Minute 78.)
2. Photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39; Journal 1888, Minute 93.)

To Special Committees.

To raise funds for photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39 and 61; Journal 1888, Minute 94.)

To raise funds in aid of the Rev. J. F. Potts. (Journal 1887, Minutes 94 and 99.)

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OF PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES, WITH THEIR MINISTERS OR LEADERS.

(Corrections and additions to this list are desired, and may be sent to the Secretaries. See By-Laws, Section 16.)

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Concordia, ———

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Minneapolis, Rev. J. S. David.
 St. Paul, Rev. E. C. Mitchell.

MISSOURI.

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 St. Louis, ———
 St. Louis (German), Rev. C. L. Carriere.
 St. Louis (German), Rev. Gerhard Busmann.
 Wellsville, Rev. G. Reiche.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Contoocook, ———
 Manchester (German), Carl Roth.

NEW JERSEY.

Hoboken, E. Ferret.
 Newark, Rev. C. H. Mann, George W. Smith.
 Newark (German), J. D. Menschner.
 Orange, Rev. Charles H. Mann.
 Paterson, Rev. B. D. Palmer.
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 Brooklyn (German), John Czerny.
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 Lancaster, Dr. S. S. Rathvon.
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 Philadelphia, First Society, Rev. Chauncey Giles.
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Cabell.

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SATURDAY, June 21, 1890.

1. THE Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 2 o'clock P. M. in the Temple of the Chicago Society of the New Church.

2. The Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. Chauncey Giles, who also conducted the religious services.

3. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.

4. The Rev. Messrs. H. C. Dunham, of Colorado, W. H. Mayhew, of Ohio, and H. C. Hay, of Massachusetts, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

5. Pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Rev. T. F. Wright presented the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, The Convention is informed of the presence of the Rev. J. J. Thornton, of Melbourne, Australia, the accredited Messenger of the Association of the New Church in Australia to the Convention, and of the Rev. John Martin, of Bath, England, a minister of the English Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That these brethren be cordially welcomed, and be invited to take seats in the Convention, and to participate in its deliberations.

6. Messrs. Martin and Thornton having been escorted to the platform, were welcomed by the President, in behalf of the Convention, and responded warmly and at length to the welcome of the Convention, Mr. Thornton giving an extended and interesting account of the Church in Australia.

7. The Committee on Credentials not being ready to report, the President's address was called for, and it was *voted*, That the President be invited to deliver his address at eight o'clock this evening.

8. The report of the Secretaries was read.

9. The report of the Treasurer was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

10. The report of the General Council was read.

11. The report of the Board of Publication was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

12. The report of the Corporation of the Theological School was read, except the items of the Treasurer's report, the reading of which was dispensed with.

13. The reports of the Board of Managers of the Theological School, including that of the President of the School; of the Trustees of the Building Fund; the Trustee of the Rice Legacy; the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy; and the report of the Council of Ministers, were read.

14. The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions being called for, it was presented in print, and it was *voted*, That the report be made the order of the day for twelve o'clock on Tuesday.

15. The report of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association was read, and it was *voted*, That the col-

lection to be taken up on Sunday evening be devoted to the uses of the Association.

16. The reports of the Canada, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and New-York Associations, were read, and the request of the New-York Association for the sanction of the Convention to confer the power to officiate at ordinations upon its present Presiding Minister, was *referred* to the Council of Ministers.

17. The reports of the Ohio Association, and of the General Church of Pennsylvania, were read; and it was *voted*, That the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania be referred to the General Council, with a request to report whether the report should be received and printed with the Journal.

18. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Ministers and Delegates to the Convention, reported the Roll of the Convention, which as finally corrected and completed, is as follows:—

ROLL.

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Ministers.—Rev. G. L. Allbutt, Toronto; Rev. E. S. Hyatt, Parkdale.

Delegate.—J. B. McLachlan, Parkdale.

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Delegate.— Job Barnard, Washington, D. C.

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Delegates.— W. N. Hobart, Chas. S. Holmes, George S. Dodd, Cincinnati ; J. B. C. Moores, Glendale ; M. B. Stevens, M. G. Browne, Cleveland ; L. F. Hite, Dr. M. R. French, Dr. T. F. Moses, Urbana.

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Delegates.— Seymour G. Nelson, Felix A. Boericke, Swain Nelson, Orlando Blackman, Chicago.

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Delegates.— Julien Shoemaker, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Richard A. Lewis, Ezra Hyde Alden, Percy McGeorge, Wm. A. Fleck, Philadelphia ; Frank W. Very, Allegheny.

TOPEKA, KANS., SOCIETY.

Minister.— Rev. Gustave Reiche.

Delegates.— E. Wilder, J. F. Scott.

DENVER, COLO., SOCIETY.

Minister.— Rev. H. C. Dunham.

SAVANNAH, GA., SOCIETY.

Delegate.— T. S. Heyward.

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Ministers.—Rev. Stephen Wood, Lost Nation; Rev. J. J. Lehnen, Norway.

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burgh, Ill. ; Mrs. John Whitehead, Pittsburgh, Pa.

19. It was *voted*, That the collection to be taken up dur-
ing the services on Sunday morning be devoted to the gen-
eral uses of the Convention.

20. The Convention took a recess until 10 o'clock Monday
morning.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

21. The Convention was called to order by the President,
and the Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt, of Toronto, Canada,
opened the session by reading from the Word and prayer.

22. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the min-
utes of Saturday's session read and approved.

23. By unanimous consent it was *voted*, on motion of the
Rev. Frank Sewall, That a Committee be appointed to report
a series of resolutions in memory of the late Jonathan Young
Scammon.

24. It was *voted*, That the hour set for the consideration
of the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions be
changed from 12 to 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

25. It was *voted*, That the hour of half past ten o'clock
Tuesday morning be assigned for the election of officers, and
that a committee of five be appointed to nominate the elec-
tive members of the General Council.

26. By request of the Delegates of the General Church of
Pennsylvania it was *voted*, That the Delegation have leave to
amend the Report of the General Church by striking out the
reference to the Ohio Association.

27. The reports of the Pennsylvania Association ; of the
First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco ; of the Con-
necticut New-Church Association ; of the Denver Society ;
and of the Savannah Society, were read.

28. The reports of the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., Rev. F.
W. Tuerk, Rev. John Goddard, and Rev. Jabez Fox, Ordain-
ing Ministers ; and of the Rev. Messrs. James E. Mills, J. I.
Herrick, D. V. Bowen, Gerhard Busmann, C. L. Carriere,
and Gustave Reiche, were read ; and it was *voted*, That the

remainder of the reports of individual ministers be referred to the Secretaries to be printed with the Journal.

29. A letter of greeting to the Convention from the Rev. N. C. Burnham, who is in the city, but too ill to attend the Convention, was read; and it was *voted*, That the thanks of the Convention be sent by the Secretaries to the Rev. N. C. Burnham for his letter of greeting, and the regret of the Convention that he is not able to attend its meetings.

30. Mr. C. C. Bonney, of Chicago, offered the following resolutions, which were read, and at his request referred to the Council of Ministers:—

Resolved, 1. That the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem Church of the United States of America hereby declares its earnest love and sympathy for all sincere seekers after the truth throughout the world, especially with every denomination of Christian worshippers; and its fraternal desire to be helpful to them in the removal of doubts and difficulties, and in the confirmation of rational faith in “the only wise God, our Savior,” in whom “dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily”; and in the Sacred Scriptures, demonstrated by the infallible science of correspondences to be indeed the Word of the Ever-living God.

2. We reverently proclaim the doctrines of the True Christian Religion as the means by which our Lord and Master is bringing about the unity of Christendom and of the world; and by which He will accomplish His prophecy that “there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.”

3. We explicitly declare our clear and rational faith in the supreme Divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; in the plenary inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures; in the redemption of mankind by the incarnation and work of “the Word made flesh;” in the atonement accomplished by “God in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself;” in salvation by repentance, regeneration, and obedience to the Divine Commandments; in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper; and in the resurrection, final judgment, and eternal life.

4. We believe that in truth “God is no respecter of per-

sons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him."

5. We deny the resurrection of the material body, for "flesh and blood cannot inherit eternal life;" and we believe that the final judgment of every soul is executed, not in the natural, but in the spiritual world.

6. We believe that "in like manner as He ascended into heaven" after His crucifixion, resurrection, and glorification, the same Jesus Christ descended into the world of spirits, between heaven and hell, in the year 1757, and there executed in every particular the last great judgment described in the Apocalypse; and that ever since that event the church of the Holy City, New Jerusalem, has been descending into the world and taking the place of the falsified church then judged and destroyed.

7. We believe that the true meaning of the Sacred Scriptures, the true nature of heaven and of hell, the true doctrines of the Christian religion, the fulfilment of the Apocalypse, and the descent of the New Church from God out of heaven, are truly set forth in the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, "servant of the Lord Jesus Christ."

8. We do not proclaim one word of new sacred scripture, nor any new sacrament, but we declare and set forth for the acceptance of mankind, the infinite treasures of spiritual truth revealed by the opening and unfolding of the internal senses and spiritual meanings of the letter of the Holy Bible, whereby the Lord is verifying His words, "Behold, I make all thing new."

9. As to our acceptance of the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, we submit that only three views of their merits are possible. They are true, or they are the products of human invention, or the results of delusion. Whoever will fairly examine those Writings will find that they so far transcend the achievements of human genius, that they cannot rationally be regarded as the products of invention, and that they are so logically consistent and in harmony with natural law, as utterly to exclude the idea that they are the results of delusion. We therefore accept them as true, and appeal to all

seekers after the truth to examine those Writings for themselves, and accept in freedom and according to reason whatever in them is seen to be true. The New Church makes its way, not by dogmatic command and blind obedience, but by the convincing power of the Divine truths of the True Christian Religion rationally seen and freely obeyed. We fraternally offer to Christendom and the world, as the true basis of religious unity, the universal creed of the Divinity of the Lord, the Holiness of the Word, and the Life of Charity.

31. The report of the Iungerich Trustees, and a Memorial from the German Missionary Union, were read, and it was *voted*, That the Memorial be referred to the Council of Ministers.

32. A communication from the German Synod of the New Church was read.

33. The report of the Committee on Transportation was ordered to be printed without reading, and it was *voted*, That the Committee be continued another year.

34. A communication from the New-Church Society in Kansas City was read.

35. The report of the Committee on Mr. Hite's resolutions was read.

36. The report of the National Committee on the Building of a house of Worship at Washington, D. C. was read, and it was *voted*, That the hour of 2.30 o'clock this afternoon be set for the consideration of the report.

37. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

2.30 o'clock.

38. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the report of the National Committee on the Building of a House of Worship at Washington, D. C., being the order of the day, was taken up, and after remarks by Messrs. McGeorge, Sewall, Barnard, Browne, and the Vice-President, the following was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That this Convention approves the action of the National Committee in purchasing a lot in Washington on which to build a National Church, and most heartily recom-

mends all New-Church men and women throughout the land to take this project into serious and affectionate consideration, and to do their utmost to make this work a success, and to this end to send in their subscriptions, whether large or small, that the lot may be paid for at once, and a modest edifice be built to meet the immediate wants of the Washington Society.

39. By direction of the General Council, the application of the General Society of the New Church in Texas for admission into the Convention was read, and the recommendation of the General Council that the application be granted and the Society be received into the Convention, was *adopted* by a rising vote.

40. The Rev. Stephen Wood was called to the platform as a representative of the General Society of Texas, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the Society through him by the Vice-President, the Convention rising.

41. The application of the General Society of the New Church in Iowa was read, and the recommendation of the General Council that the application be granted and the Society be received into the Convention, was *adopted* by a rising vote.

42. The Rev. Messrs. J. J. Lehnen and Stephen Wood, delegates of the General Society of Iowa to the Convention, were invited to the platform, and received the right hand of fellowship from the Vice-President, and were welcomed to all the privileges of other delegates.

43. The General Council reported that it had carefully considered the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania referred to it, and recommended that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:—

Whereas, The General Church of Pennsylvania, in its annual report to the Convention, has made statements respecting the relations of that body to the Convention and the action of the Convention toward it, which are wanting in a proper degree of respect for the Convention; therefore,

Resolved, That the said report be referred back to that body, that it may omit from it all those portions which contain charges against the Convention of “unkind, unbrotherly,

and disorderly action," of "manifest animosity toward the General Church of Pennsylvania," and of "the lack of charity, of common justice, and of equity, manifested by the majority in Convention."

44. After discussion by Messrs. Jordan and Warren, Mr. Sewall *moved* the following as an amendment : —

At the same time we do not hereby deny to the General Church of Pennsylvania the right of appeal to the Convention in any matter of justice or charity, when couched in proper language.

45. After remarks by Messrs. Sewall, Hinkley, Bostock, Warren, and Stearns, the amendment was *adopted*.

46. After further debate by Messrs. Pendleton, Ager, Whitehead, McGeorge, Hinkley, and others, the resolution as amended was *adopted*.

47. Mr. Bartels *moved* the following, which, after discussion by Messrs. Seward, Whitehead, Bartels, Jordan, Lehnen, Mann, and Goddard, was laid on the table : —

Resolved, That the representatives of the General Church of Pennsylvania be requested to omit from their report to this body, their statement in regard to drinking alcoholic wine on principle at their social meetings.

48. The following, *moved* by Mr. Bartels, was also laid on the table : —

Resolved, That the General Convention learns with regret from the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania, that in the social meetings of the Societies belonging to that body, they are in the habit of using alcoholic wine and recommend the use of the same.

Resolved, That this Convention desires the world to understand that this is not the practice of the Church in general, and believes that it ought not to be.

49. The President announced the following-named gentlemen the Committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council : Rev. A. F. Frost, of Michigan ; R. A. Lewis, of Pennsylvania ; Alexander Officer, of Illinois ; M. G. Browne, of Ohio ; W. J. Cutler, of Massachusetts ; Rev. Thomas A. King, of Maryland ; and Rev. C. H. Mann, of New York.

50. On motion of Mr. McGeorge, the following was *adopted* : —

Resolved, That in furtherance of the work of the National Committee heretofore appointed by this body to erect a church at Washington, D. C., this Convention recommends that that Committee invite the assistance of the Rev. Frank Sewall in presenting to the several New-Church Societies and to private individuals the uses intended to be subserved by the present movement.

51. Julien Shoemaker and William McGeorge, Jr. were elected trustees of the Building Fund for the term expiring in 1893.

52. The Convention took a recess until Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

53. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. Frank Sewall conducted the religious services.

54. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

55. The recommendation of the General Council that one third of the two annuities of \$1,200 each, received from the estate of M. C. Bissell, be paid to the "Western New-Church Union," and two thirds of the same be paid to the "New-Church Board of Publication," was *adopted*.

56. The hour for the election of officers having arrived, the Rev. Chauncey Giles was nominated for President ; the Rev. John Worcester for Vice-President ; Rev. S. S. Seward, Mr. C. A. E. Spamer, and Rev. T. F. Wright for Secretaries, and Mr. F. A. Dewson, for Treasurer.

57. Mr. W. N. Hobart and Rev. T. F. Wright were appointed tellers to receive and count the votes for President and Vice-President.

58. Mr. Job Barnard and Rev. W. H. Mayhew were appointed tellers to receive and count the votes for Secretaries and Treasurer.

59. The report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts was read, and the following, recommended by the Committee, was *adopted* : —

Resolved, That the Resolution in Minute 73 of the JOURNAL of 1886 be so amended as to include such college and public libraries as the Committee in charge of the distribution may regard as proper depositaries of these works.

60. It was *voted*, That the nominations by the Board of Managers of the Theological School, of the Rev. Messrs. S. S. Seward, S. F. Dike, D. D., and Wm. B. Hayden, and of Mr. Wm. N. Hobart, as members of the Board for the term expiring in 1893, be confirmed.

61. The following preamble and resolution offered by the Rev. A. F. Frost, in behalf of Mr. C. H. Meday, of Detroit, were referred to the Board of Publication :—

Whereas, The editorials of the *New-Church Messenger* for a long time have been very able and pertinent to the times ; and

Whereas, Their truthfulness and peculiar teachableness would be of great use to the reading world ; and

Whereas, It must be very evident that they would be sought after by a class of readers, outside of the New-Church, for their rationality and philosophical breadth and application ; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the editor of the *Messenger* be requested to compile said editorials into book form, and that they be published under such authority as the Board of Publication may direct.

62. The recommendation of the General Council that the proposed amendments to the Constitution recorded in Minutes 115, 116, and 117 of the JOURNAL of 1889, be not adopted, was *adopted*.

63. The following offered by Mr. Hinkley was *adopted* :—

Whereas, It is made known to the Convention that two of its ministers, the Rev. Messrs. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., and Jabez Fox, now residing abroad, will be present at the approaching meeting of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, to be held in London :—

Resolved, That the General Convention now appoints Messrs. Hibbard and Fox to be its representatives at the Conference, to bear to the members of it our fraternal greetings

and our heartfelt wish for the peace and prosperity of the New Church in Great Britain.

64. The Rev. T. F. Wright declined the nomination for the office of Secretary.

65. The tellers to receive and count the votes for President and Vice-President reported that the Rev. Chauncey Giles had received the majority of votes for President, and the Rev. John Worcester for Vice-President, and those gentlemen were declared elected.

66. The Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions was taken up.

67. Pending the discussion of the report, the tellers appointed to receive and count the votes for Secretaries and Treasurer reported that Rev. S. S. Seward and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer were elected Secretaries, and Mr. F. A. Dewson Treasurer.

68. The Committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council reported the following nominations: Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. John Whitehead, of Pennsylvania; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Robert Carswell, of Canada; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

69. The tellers to receive and count the votes for the officers of the Convention were appointed to receive and count the votes for the elective members of the General Council.

70. The tellers to receive and count the votes for the elective members of the General Council, reported that the gentlemen nominated by the Committee were elected.

71. After discussion of the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions by Messrs. Hinkley, Wright, Dewson, Sewall, Bonney, Giles, and Thornton, on motion of Mr. Dewson the following was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the church can afford, and that it is its duty, to raise during the coming year the sum of not less than ten thousand dollars for the uses of its Board of Missions.

72. On motion of the Rev. John Goddard the following was *adopted* : —

Resolved, That in view of the need of the enlargement of the Endowment Fund for the permanent establishment of our general missionary operations, as set forth in the report of the Board of Missions, we hereby endorse their appeal for the enlargement of this fund, and commend it to all who have, or will some time have, means at their disposal, above what they feel able to subscribe year by year to the current expenses of the Board.

73. On motion of Mr. Seward it was *voted*, That all the societies of the church be requested by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions to take up a collection on behalf of the Board on the third Sunday in October next, and that the ministers be requested to present the claims of the missionary work of the church on that occasion.

74. Mr. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., offered the following, which were *adopted* : —

Resolved, That the Convention learns with regret that the Rev. W. H. Hinkley feels obliged to decline a reelection to the office of Secretary, owing to the pressure of other duties.

Resolved, That the Convention desires to place upon record an expression of its profound appreciation of his long, faithful, and efficient services in this office, and at the same time to express the hope that he may long continue to serve this body in the prosecution of the mission work of the church, to which he has heretofore devoted so much time, and loving, careful interest.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to pay hereafter the expenses of the Secretary of the Board of Missions in attending the meetings of the General Convention.

75. On motion of Job Barnard the following was unanimously *adopted* by a rising vote : —

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure that we record our hearty thanks to the members of the Chicago Society for the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment given to us ; and that we especially appreciate the kindness of the ladies

of the Society in giving our lady visitors a very pleasant drive through the magnificent parks of the city.

76. The Rev. J. E. Smith was invited to address the Convention on the work of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and did so at length.

77. The Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

78. The Convention was called to order by the President.

79. The Address of the General Conference of the New-Church in Great Britain to the Convention was read by the Rev. John Martin, and the reply of the Convention to the Conference, prepared by the Rev. P. B. Cabell, was read; and it was *voted*, That the reply be *adopted* as the Address of the Convention to the Conference.

80. The Address from the Conference of the New Church in Australia to the Convention was read by the Rev. J. J. Thornton, the messenger of the church in Australia, and the reply prepared by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the Convention, was read, and *adopted* as the Address of the Convention to the New Church in Australia.

81. An Address from the Swiss Union of the New Church was read, and it was *voted*, That the Rev. Frank Sewall be authorized, with the approval of the General Council, to frame and send a reply to the Address of the Swiss Union.

82. The report of the German Missionary Union of the New Church in America was read.

83. The Rev. Messrs. Frank Sewall and L. P. Mercer, the Committee appointed by the President to draft a memorial in memory of the late Hon. Jonathan Young Scammon, reported the following, which was *adopted* by a rising vote:—

The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States, assembled in the house of worship of the Chicago Society, desire to place upon its records its sentiments of gratitude to the Lord for the faithful services in the cause of the New Church of Jonathan Young Scammon, the founder of this Society, and under the Divine Providence

the chief instrument in the diffusion of the New Church in the Northwest.

As a zealous and affectionate member of the church, ready to aid with all his ability and means in the dissemination of the doctrines of the Church both in this and in foreign lands, for many years Vice-President of the General Convention, and the originator of many important general uses in this body, our brother's name will hold an important place in the annals of the New Church during this period of its growth, and claims a deep and lasting hold in the affectionate and grateful remembrance of the church.

84. The report of the Council of Ministers was taken up, and the following resolutions, recommended by the Council, were *adopted*:—

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Sewall, Smyth, Warren, John Worcester, and John Goddard, be appointed a Committee to make a final revision of the hymns and tunes as collected by the Council, and to prepare the same for publication.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to undertake the publication of the enlarged hymnal as soon as it shall be completed by the above Committee.

85. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers with respect to the induction of the Rev. W. F. Pendleton into the third degree of the ministry (Minute 129, Journal 1889), that no judicial action be taken with regard to it, was *moved* and *seconded*.

86. A motion to lay the whole subject on the table was *lost*.

87. A motion to refer it back to the Council of Ministers was *lost*.

88. The recommendation was *adopted*.

89. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers that Section 24 of the By-Laws be amended by inserting the words "Secretary of the Council of Ministers" instead of the word "Secretaries," and the word "Council" in place of the word "Secretaries," and by adding the words "or other collective body reporting to the Convention" after the word "Association," and that the corresponding change be made in standing recommendation No. 7, was *adopted*.

90. On recommendation of the Council of Ministers, the following changes in the list of ministers were *adopted*:—

To be added as ministers: William H. Acton, N. Dandridge Pendleton, George Henry Dole, Louis G. Landenberger, Albert John Cleare, John A. Hayes, Junius B. Spiers, Percy Billings.

To be added as candidates: T. Mower Martin, Homer Synnestvedt, Josef E. Rosenqvist, G. W. Wiley.

To be dropped at their own request: Theodore Edson, W. D. Hastings, D. H. Rains.

To be dropped on account of not reporting after three years' notification: E. Payson Walton.

91. The following resolution, recommended by the Council, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the Convention give its sanction to the investiture of the Rev. S. S. Seward, Presiding Minister of the New-York Association, with power to officiate at ordinations, as requested by that Association.

92. At the request of the Council, the following subjects were continued in its hands, to be reported on next year, viz.: The Bonney Resolutions, the Memorial of the German Missionary Union, and Art. V., Sect. 5, of the Constitution in regard to suspensions.

93. The Council of Ministers reported that it had confirmed as members of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, the following nominations by the President of the Convention: Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, T. F. Wright, S. S. Seward, John Worcester, John Doughty, Frank Sewall, John Goddard, and L. P. Mercer.

94. On motion of the Rev. John Worcester, it was *voted*, That the invitation of the Pennsylvania Association to hold the next meeting of the Convention in the House of Worship of the First Philadelphia Society, be accepted; and that the time of holding said meeting be left to the President and Secretaries with full powers.

95. On motion of Mr. Agēr, the following was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the General Council be requested to take into consideration the expediency of extending the sessions

of the General Convention so as to cover at least one day more.

96. On motion of Mr. Warren it was *voted*, That the Committee to raise funds to aid the Rev. J. F. Potts in carrying on the publication of the Concordance, be continued.

97. At his own request the Rev. E. C. Bostock was excused from acting on the Committee, and the Committee authorized to fill the vacancy.

98. The Rev. L. G. Jordan, on behalf of the Delegates of the General Church of Pennsylvania, reported that the delegation had carefully examined its report, and were unanimously of the opinion that there is nothing in the report that in form is disrespectful to the Convention. They therefore return the report, that the Convention may do with it as it deems best.

99. After remarks by Mr. Jordan and others, it was *voted*, on motion of Mr. Ager, That the General Convention sees no reason for reversing its previous action in respect to the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and therefore declines to receive the report now returned to it.

100. The roll of the Convention was called and finally corrected.

101. The Minutes were read and approved.

102. It was *voted*, That after singing the 71st selection and receiving the benediction, the Convention stand adjourned.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President*.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, }
S. S. SEWARD, } *Secretaries*.

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Memoranda.

The Council of Ministers met on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and continued their sessions in the evening, and on Wednesday morning and afternoon. The meeting of the Alumni of the Theological School occupied Wednesday evening, and on Thursday morning and afternoon the Council of Ministers resumed their work. Thursday evening was given up to a meeting in commemoration of the sending forth of the Apostles throughout the spiritual world "to preach the Gospel that the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns" (T. C. R. 791); at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. L. P. Mercer, Chauncey Giles, E. D. Daniels, and Frank Sewall. Friday morning, afternoon, and evening, were devoted to the meetings of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association. On Saturday morning the Young People's Leagues held their annual session, and the General Council met. The Convention was opened at 2 o'clock P. M. on that day.

On Saturday evening the Convention met at the Church at 8 o'clock, and after religious services listened to the President's address; after which an informal reception was given by the Chicago Society to the members and friends of the Convention.

On Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas A. King preached at the Church on "Simon the Leper"; and at the same hour the Rev. Chauncey Giles preached at McVicker's Theatre for the Rev. Dr. Thomas; the Rev. P. B. Cabell, at Englewood, on "Appearances and Reality of Religion"; and Rev. John Whitehead at the Immanuel Church. Immediately after the morning services at the church, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, in the absence of the President, by the Vice-President, Rev. John Worcester, assisted by the Rev. Messrs.

Smyth, Frost, Wright, and Hay, to two hundred and eighty-five communicants. The collection for the general uses of the Convention amounted to \$229.42.

In the evening the Rev. John Goddard lectured at the church on "Where and What is the Spiritual World," and the Rev. C. H. Mann preached at Englewood on "Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake." The collection for the use of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association amounted to \$90.75.

On Monday evening a conference was held at the church on "The Relation of the New Church to Social Reforms"; which was opened by papers on the subject by the Rev. Messrs. S. S. Seward and George Nelson Smith, followed by five minutes' addresses by Messrs. Lehnén, Stearns, Wright, Bonney, Daniels, Warren, Bartels, David, Dewson, Wheeler, and McGeorge, the discussion being summed up by the Rev. John Worcester in the chair.

The Convention finally adjourned at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

NO. I. — REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES.

THE Secretaries report that 1,000 copies of the JOURNAL for 1889 were printed and disposed of as follows :—

Sent to Associations and Societies.....	303
To Committee men, Ministers, and Delegates.....	209
To the English Conference	100
To other Foreign Bodies	63
Cut copies for the use of the Convention at this Session.....	100
Retained for future use	225
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The Secretaries regret to state that a mistake was made in Minute 130 of the last JOURNAL. The series of resolutions on New-Church Education prepared by Mr. Hite was not referred to the Council of Ministers as there stated, but to a special Committee to be appointed by the President of the Convention. As soon as the mistake was discovered the attention of the President was called to it, and the following Committee was appointed, namely, Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Prof. T. F. Moses, J. Young Scammon, and Albert Mason.

In conformity with Sect. 24 of the By-Laws, notices to report have been sent to ministers of the Convention not connected with Associations, and reports have been received from a number which will be read to the Convention. Two request that their names be dropped from the Roll, and some have not reported.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, } *Secretaries.*
S. S. SEWARD,

No. 2.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE GENERAL CONVENTION
OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

		<i>General Fund.</i>	
		Dr.	Cr.
1889.			
June 1.	To Expenses of W. H. Hinkley, Secretary . . .	\$40.00	
	Expenses of S. S. Seward, Secretary . . .	40.78	
	Services of Janitor, Church of our Father . .	15.47	
Aug. 6.	Printing and Mailing Journal	364.28	
	Printing Early Journals, Part 3	218.38	
Dec. 28.	Postage, Safe Rent, etc., Treasurer	7.50	
	Balance on hand	335.79	
May 1.	By Balance on hand as per last account . . .		\$533.85
25.	Collections at meetings in Washington . . .		153.90
1890.			
Feb. 11.	Assessment for 1890, Gen. Church of Penn.		18.35
	" " New-York Association		29.15
14.	" " Connecticut "		2.50
	" " Massachusetts "		85.60
	" " Illinois "		29.10
17.	" " Ohio "		32.55
20.	" " Minnesota "		3.90
	" " Maryland "		16.30
	" 1889-90, Canada "		30.00
Mar. 28.	" " " "		8.00
Apr. 11.	" " " "		2.00
Feb. 28.	" 1890, San Francisco Soc., 1st		6.00
Mar. 24.	" " San Francisco Soc., 2d		2.80
Apr. 11.	" " Pennsylvania Association		28.70
	" " Michigan "		17.75
	Sale of Journals		21.75
		<u>\$1,022.20</u>	<u>\$1,022.20</u>

Income of Bissell Fund.

1889.			
Dec. 26.	By Amount received from Trustees	\$1,200.00	
1890.			
Apr. 30.	Interest to date	10.25	
1889.			
Dec. 26.	To Amount paid J. Y. Scammon for services . .	100.00	
	Balance on hand	1,110.25	
		<u>\$1,210.25</u>	<u>\$1,210.25</u>

Swedenborg Memorial Fund.

		DR.	CR.
1889.			
May 1.	By Balance on hand		\$2,462.60
1890.			
Apr. 30.	Income to date		127.25
	Balance on hand		<u>\$2,589.85</u>

Fund for Photo-Lithographing Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1889.			
May 1.	By Balance on hand as per last account		\$1,275.08
1890.			
Apr. 26.	Subscriptions from General Church of Penn- sylvania		52.00
30.	Income from Investment		68.55
	Subscription from General Church of Pennsyl- vania		31.00
	Balance on hand		<u>\$1,426.63</u>

Potts Concordance Fund.

1889.			
May 1.	By Balance on hand		\$24.70
31.	Towne Legacy, by vote of Convention . . .		100.00
Oct.	Amount received from Rice Fund Trustee .		250.00
	Collection through S. M. Warren		90.00
1889.			
May 20.	To Remittances to Rev. A. Faraday	\$50.00	
Oct. 24.	" " " "	250.00	
Dec.	" " " "	100.00	
	Balance on hand	64.70	
		<u>\$464.70</u>	<u>\$464.70</u>

Income of White Fund.

1889.			
May 1.	By Balance on hand		418.94
1890.			
	Income credited		254.15
	To Amount paid Board of Publication for Latin works sent to Theological Libraries . . .	\$174.00	
	Balance on hand	499.09	
		<u>673.09</u>	<u>673.09</u>

Washington Church Fund.

		DR.	CR.
1889.			
Dec. 5.	Received from Galveston Society		\$1.80
1890.			
Jan. 18.	Washington Society	7,500.00	
	Olney, Ill., "	7-75	
Apr. 19.	Washington "	88.62	
26.	Mrs. L. L. Warriner	5.00	
	Washington Society	3,411.38	
	Miss Maud Harris, Toronto . .	5.00	
	G. D. McIntosh, Altona	101.00	
	Mrs. J. G. Davis, Boston	100.00	
	E. B. Warren	2,000.00	
	George Burnham	2,000.00	
30.	Interest	47.50	
	To Amounts paid on account Lots purchased for Church in Washington which cost \$31,459.98:—		
Mar. 28.	Through Job Barnard	\$7,000.00	
Apr. 7.	" "	500.00	
23.	" "	7,411.38	
	Balance on hand	356.67	
		<u>\$15,268.05</u>	<u>\$15,268.05</u>

Income of Sundry Funds.

1890.			
Apr. 30.	To Income of Simpkins Fund	\$1,400.00	
	" " Wales Fund	258.25	
	" " Wilkins Fund	194.65	
	" " Jenkins Fund	103.30	
	Paid to Theological School . .	\$1,956.20	
	Income of Richards Fund paid Board of Pub- lication	40.00	
	Income credited White Fund	254.15	
	" " Photo-Lithographing Fund .	68.55	
	" " Swedenborg Memorial Fund	127.25	
	" " Bissell Fund	10.25	
	" " Washington Church Fund .	47.50	
	By Interest on C. H. Pitman's Mortgage	\$110.00	
	" " S. D. Garey's "	150.00	
	" " C. E. Chester's "	250.00	
	" " R. H. Andrews's "	180.00	
	" " G. B. Lapham's "	300.00	
	" " Lake Shore Bonds, Simpkins Fund	1,400.00	
	" " United States Bonds, Richards "	40.00	
	" " Lee, Higginson, & Co. Loan . .	73.90	
		<u>\$2,503.90</u>	<u>\$2,503.90</u>

Statement of Property on hand.

Cash	\$451.73
\$20,000 Bonds Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, 7 per cent., belonging to Simpkins Fund	20,000.00
\$1,000 Bond United States 4 per cent. belonging to Richards Fund	1,000.00
Mortgages, S. D. Garey, \$3,000, 5 per cent.	
" C. E. Chester, \$5,000, 5 per cent.	
" C. H. Pitman, \$2,200, 5 per cent.	
" R. H. Andrews, \$3,000, 6 per cent.	
" G. B. Lapham, \$6,000, 5 per cent.	19,200.00
Note of Lee, Higginson, & Co.	2,000.00

Representing the following Funds:—

General Fund	\$335.79
Income of White Fund	499.09
Wales Fund	5,000.00
Wilkins Fund	3,768.75
Jenkins Fund	2,000.00
Simpkins Fund	20,000.00
White Fund	4,500.00
Richards Fund	1,000.00
Photo-Lithographing Fund	1,426.63
Potts Fund	64.70
Swendenborg Memorial Fund	2,589.85
Washington Church Fund	356.67
Bissell Fund	1,110.25
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	\$42,651.73 \$42,651.73

The Treasurer of the Convention having been made Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Church Fund has included that account in his general account for convenience in investing and reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

D. L. WEBSTER, }
JAS. RICHARD CARTER, } *Auditors.*

No. 3. — REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE Council has held one meeting since the last session of the Convention at Washington, namely, here in Chicago on the twenty-first inst. At this meeting the following action was taken : —

In reference to the proposed addition to Section 3 of the By-Laws, providing for seating the ministers and delegates to the Convention, it was *voted*, That while the Council approves the proposed plan, it does not recommend to the Convention the adoption of any By-Law on the subject.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution offered last year, and recorded in Minutes 116-118 of the JOURNAL of 1889, were considered, and it was *voted*, That the Council recommend to the Convention that the proposed amendments be not *adopted*.

Messrs. Dewson and Keyes, the Committee appointed by this Council to take charge of the interests of the Convention in the estate of the late M. C. Bissell, presented a report which was accepted and approved. The following resolution in relation thereto was then *adopted* : —

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to the General Convention that one third of the two annuities heretofore received from the executors of the estate of the late Martin C. Bissell, be set apart and paid over by the Treasurer to the Western New-Church Union "for the purpose, under its direction, of publishing the New-Church Doctrines and literature" in accordance with what is believed to be the wishes of the testator ; and that the remainder of said annuities be paid over to the New-Church Board of Publication of the General Convention.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary*.

No. 4. — REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE classification and organization of the present Board of Directors is as follows : —

Term expires 1891.

Term expires 1892.

Rev. A. F. FROST, of Michigan.	Rev. JABEZ FOX, of D. C.
Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.	H. W. GUERNSEY, of New York.
H. C. SPENCER, of D. C.	Rev. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.
W. N. HOBART, of Ohio.	Rev. L. P. MERCER, of Illinois.
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.	WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR., of Pa.

Term expires 1893.

R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.
 Rev. J. C. AGER, of N. Y.
 F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.
 Rev. JAMES REED, of Mass.
 F. A. DEWSON, of Mass.

Term expires 1894.

Rev. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.
 D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.
 Rev. FRANK SEWALL, of D. C.
 MORDAUNT BODINE, of N. Y.
 Rev. JOHN WHITEHEAD, of Pa.

OFFICERS.

President. — RICHARD A. LEWIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary. — FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, of New-York City.

Treasurer. — MORDAUNT BODINE, of New-York City.

Executive Committee. — MESSRS. LEWIS, WORCESTER, BODINE, SEWARD, AGER, GUERNSEY, COLTON, and MCGEORGE.

Auditing Committee. — MESSRS. WORCESTER and COLTON.

The statement of the business finances of the Board for the past year is presented below : —

*Fifty-Thousand-Dollar Fund.**

Amount placed to the credit of this Fund to April 1, 1889 \$43,403.39

General Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance on hand April 1, 1889	\$772.47	
Interest on Richards Fund	40.00	
Interest on the Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund..	509.75	
Interest on <i>New-Church Messenger</i> Fund	1,108.06	
Accumulated interest on Rice Fund received from General Convention	256.21	
Transferred to Manager		\$2,475.00
Paid for Insurance and Express Charges		12.75
Cash in hands of Treasurer, April 1, 1890		198.74
	<u>\$2,686.49</u>	<u>\$2,686.49</u>

New-Church Messenger Fund.

Total Subscriptions to the Fund	\$21,359.91	
Interest received during the year	1,108.06	
Uncollected Subscriptions, not yet due		\$3,480.00
Amounts invested, Lombard Mortgages		17,600.00
In Agent's hands awaiting investment		270.91
Paid to Treasurer for use of <i>Messenger</i>		1,108.06
	<u>\$22,458.97</u>	<u>\$22,458.97</u>

* It should be understood that the amounts heretofore placed to the credit of the " Fifty-Thousand-Dollar Fund " have all been expended.

The Mrs. Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund.

Principal of Fund	\$7,300.00	
Interest received	509.75	
Amounts invested		\$7,300.00
Interest paid in to General Fund		509.75
	<u>\$7,809.75</u>	<u>\$7,809.75</u>

Messenger Statement.

DR.

To Cost of Paper (less amount on hand, \$67.36),.....	\$1,307.87	
Printing and Typesetting.....	2,989.24	
Other Publication Expenses	1,210.40	
Editorial Expenses.....	2,763.62	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$8,271.13</u>

CR.

By Receipts from Subscriptions	\$6,023.82	
" " Advertisements.....	122.18	
" for the free list.....	231.70	
Income from <i>New-Church Messenger</i> Fund.....	1,108.06	
Loss.....	785.37	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$8,271.13</u>
Subscription List of <i>Messenger</i> , April 1, 1890	2,441	
Free List.....	232	
Exchange List	89	
Surplus Copies, about.....	288	
	<u> </u>	
Copies printed weekly.....	3,050	

Merchandise Statement.

DR.

To Merchandise inventoried April 1, 1889.....	\$5,338.57	
" purchased from April 1, 1889, to March		
31, 1890	3,176.10	
Expenses for the same time.....	2,174.22	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$10,688.89</u>

CR.

By Merchandise Sales April 1, 1889, to March 31, 1890...	\$4,813.63	
" on hand, April 1, 1890, as per inventory..	5,715.28	
Profit and Loss	159.98	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$10,688.89</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

DR.

Cash on hand and in Bank in charge of Manager.....	\$698.25
Merchandise.....	5,715.28
Plates, Type, Fixtures, etc.....	1,577.33
Accounts Receivable	1,863.18
Assets in charge of Manager.....	9,854.04
Messenger paper on hand.....	67.36
Balance in Bank in charge of Treasurer	198.74
	<u>\$10,120.14</u>

CR.

Accounts Payable	\$1,482.89
Net Assets	8,637.25
	<u>\$10,120.14</u>

Summary of Income and Expenditure.

EXPENDITURE.

Treasurer's Payment for Insurance and Express	
Charges	\$12.75
General Expenses	120.54
Loss on <i>Messenger</i>	785.37
Loss on Merchandise.....	159.98
	<u>\$1,078.64</u>

INCOME.

Treasurer's Receipts, less income of <i>Messenger</i> Fund	\$805.96
Net Loss for the Year	<u>\$272.68</u>
Net Assets, April 1, 1889	\$8,909.93
" " April 1, 1890.....	8,637.25
	<u>\$272.68</u>

It will be seen from the statement above that there has been little change in the business of the Board during the past year.

The Merchandise Department has been practically self-sustaining. This department is charged with the Board's portion of the rent of the room in New York and the salaries of the Manager and his assistants. On January 14 last an arrangement went into effect, by which the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society pays one half the rent, salaries, and incidental expenses at the office in New York. The Manager estimates that the work

there performed is about equally divided between the business of that Society, the book business of the Board, and the publication business of the *New-Church Messenger*. So it would seem that the arrangement is an advantageous one to the Board.

The *Messenger* statement shows a deficiency of \$785.37, after being credited with the income of the *Messenger* Fund, although, as above stated, it is not charged with any part of the expenses of the office and salaries. The hope that we would be able to keep this deficit within the limits of the income of the Fund has not yet been realized. We have been obliged to devote to the *Messenger* the income of the McDonald Fund and other receipts. While we believe that this is the most important use to which we could devote these funds at present, other important uses are left to suffer in consequence.

It would seem that a considerable sum will be required, in addition to the income realized from the *Messenger* Fund, during the coming year, in order to keep the *Messenger* up to its present standard. We think the Convention should not hesitate to turn over to the Board any funds under its control applicable to this important use.

It will be seen that satisfactory progress has been made with the *New-Church Messenger* Fund. The entire amount has been subscribed, and \$17,600 has been actually received and invested, but the fund should be increased, if possible.

During the past year about 8,000 of the English tracts we have long had on hand have been disposed of; and we have sold and donated, in behalf of the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society of Philadelphia, nearly 22,000 of its tracts and publications. This work, as well as much other work done under the management of the Board of Publication, in which it acts for other corporations and bodies of the New Church, has been done without compensation or profit.

The Board has also reprinted and bound in cloth Rev. C. H. Mann's *Sermons on Marriage*, 500 copies; also Rev. Chauncey Giles's juvenile books, the *Magic Shoes*, *Magic Spectacles*, *Gate of Pearl*, and *Wonderful Pocket* (250 copies of each).

An edition of 1,000 copies of the *Missionary Liturgy*, authorized by the General Convention (JOURNAL 1889, Min. 80), has been issued (500 copies in stiff cloth, and 500 in flexible cloth).

A new edition of 2,500 copies (the seventh) of the Rev. Chaun-

cay Giles's *Nature of Spirit, and Man as a Spiritual Being* has been published.

At the request of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association, as authorized by the General Convention (JOURNAL 1889, Min. 65), the Board has in course of publication *Descriptions of the Spiritual World*, prepared under the direction of the Association. It will be issued as soon as possible.

The Board has as yet taken no action concerning a reprint of the *Book of Worship* in larger type (JOURNAL 1889, Min. 135), but has to report an increased demand for the present "Psalter Edition," which will require the publication of another edition at an early date. The Jungerich Trustees report that they have printed during the past year, from the plates of the Rotch edition, 2,000 copies of the *Apocalypse Revealed*.

The Board has received a notice from the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, that the contract between them and the Board of Publication, which is contained in the Report for the year 1881 (JOURNAL 1881, page 44), will be terminated Oct. 1, 1890.

During the past year the Board has printed a complete and much needed Book List of New-Church Publications, and a Catalogue of New-Church Tracts (5,000 copies of each). Much time was spent upon the former, which was first published in the *Messenger*, entailing extra labor both in the editorial and publication offices. In this way, however, the Writings and collateral works have been thoroughly advertised. Although the expense has been large (about \$150), accounting in part for the deficiency reported in the Merchandise Statement, the publication seemed necessary to take the place of a former catalogue long since out of print.

F. J. WORCESTER, *Secretary*.

NO. 5. — REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

PURSUANT to the By-Laws the Directors respectfully submit their annual report.

The financial condition of the corporation is encouraging. The current expenses for the year have been larger than ever before, but this was anticipated in the last annual report. Expenses have somewhat exceeded income, and cash on hand is reduced \$430.24,

but the Endowment Fund reported last year at \$35,220.07 has increased to \$58,487.07, a gain of \$23,267, and the Cambridge Real-Estate Fund, reported then at \$11,203.64, now stands at \$16,618.19. The increase to the Endowment Fund was not received so as to give us income from it but a portion of the year, and if income from all sources remains as it now is, it will be sufficient to maintain the school at its present rate of expenditure. We are glad to think it will not be possible to retain the present rate of expenditure for any considerable time, but that the growth of the school will make large demands upon us at an early day. We desire to impress upon the church the importance of increased endowment, that there may be readiness to meet the demand so clearly foreshadowed. The larger portion of increase reported for the past year has been from the sale of land in Chicago, but there have also been substantial gifts and we look to thoughtful givers for continued remembrance of this need of the church which has central relation to all her uses.

The income from which the school has been supported for the year may be classified as follows : —

From funds held by the Corporation.....	\$2,224 13
From funds held by the Convention.....	1,956.20
From funds held by other Trustees	1,975.45
From Contributions.....	171.00
	<hr/> \$6,326.78

The funds from which the income is derived are as follows : Endowment Fund of the Corporation \$58,487.07. Held by the Convention : Wilkins Fund \$3,000, Wales Fund \$3,000, Jenkins Fund \$2,000, and the Simpkins Fund \$20,000, in all \$28,000. Held by other trustees : Lydia Worcester Fund \$25,000, Lyman Clark Fund \$10,000, Cary Fund \$940, and the Jenkins Fund \$2,000, in all \$37,940, which together with the Cambridge Real Estate Fund of \$16,618.19, makes a total endowment of \$141,045.26, abundant to encourage all to further effort, but insufficient to permit any to relax such effort.

ALBERT MASON, *President*.

EDW. A. WHISTON, *Clerk pro tem*.

NO. 6. — REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

EDWARD A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Current Expense Account.

1889.

DR.

May 1.	To Balance as per account rendered to Convention		\$979.83
	Contributions received : —		
	George Copeland	\$50.00	
	Lewis Ryder	50.00	
	Mrs. J. G. Davis.....	25.00	
	Miss Ellen Andrews	25.00	
	Rev. T. F. Wright	20.00	
	Mrs. P. Burrill.....	1.00	
		<hr/>	\$171.00
	Interest on Mortgages : —		
	George S. Woodman	275.00	
	Providence Society	250.00	
	John Briggs	275.00	
	Brookline Society (13 months) ..	460.43	
	O. D. Homer	300.00	
	B. B. Newhall	105.58	
		<hr/>	1,666.01
	Mass. New-Church Union, Income Lyman Clark Fund		587.83
	F. A. Dewson, Trustee, Income Lydia Worcester Fund		1,250.00
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer New-Church Institute of Education : —		
	Income Eliza Jenkins Fund... ..	\$100.00	
	Income M. G. Cary Fund	37.60	
		<hr/>	137.60
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer General Convention : —		
	Income of Simpkins Fund	1,400.00	
	Income of Wales Fund	258.25	
	Income of Wilkins Fund.....	194.65	
	Income of Jenkins Fund	103.30	
		<hr/>	1,956.20
	Interest on Notes of Wm. Boldenweck, given in payment for Chicago land (4 months, 10 days)		365.62
	Interest on Note of Lee, Higginson, & Co. to maturity		192.50
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	<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$6,326.76	\$979.83

1889.	<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$6,326.76	\$979.83
May 14.	To Rebate on Insurance on Books moved to Cambridge.....	8.83	
July 2.	Cash from sale of grass	3.00	
Dec. 21.	American Insurance Company for loss at Cambridge.....	30.00	
	Appropriation for repairs on Cambridge house transferred from Cambridge Real-Estate Fund	600.00	
	Appropriation for furnishing at Cambridge transferred from Cambridge Real-Estate Fund	1,500.00	
	Sales of Correspondence-School Notes	3.50	
	Interest on Deposit, Bay State Trust Co., to Dec. 26, 1889	68.16	
		<hr/>	8,540.25

\$9,520.08

1890.	CR.		
May 28.	Paid for Stationery and Printing.....	\$85.95	
	Rent of Rooms to May 31	50.00	
	Gas	79.34	
	Fuel	120.15	
	Janitor and care of Building	207.00	
	Furnishing Cambridge Building	1,544.59	
	Alterations and Repairs, Cambridge Building	759.67	
	Rev. Frank Sewall, compensation for Lectures	150.00	
	Books for Library, and Binding	129.90	
	Insurance on Furniture, Books, and Plates, and additional Insurance on Building.....	57.60	
	Aid to Students	988.50	
	Salaries of Instructors	3,600.00	
	Water Rates	42.75	
	Rent of Safe and Sundry Expenses ...	19.25	
	Chest Weights for use of Students ...	34.00	
	Lee, Higginson, & Co., 7 days interest on their note paid before maturity ..	23.33	
	Labor on grounds, Tools, and Seed ...	47.13	
	Interest on Mortgage, Cambridge.....	900.00	
	Attorney's Fees, examining Title, etc. .	60.00	
	Moving Furniture, and Expressage....	31.33	
	Harvard-College Library Fees.....	40.00	
		<hr/>	\$8,970.49
	Balance, deposited at Bay State Trust Co. .		549.59
			<u>\$9,520.08</u>

Endowment Fund.

1889.

DR.

May 1. To Cash balance on deposit, as per account.....	\$203.71
Received from sale of Chicago land 15 acres at \$1,500 per acre.....	\$22,500.00
Less Broker's com. and expenses..	617.00
	<u>21,883.00</u>
Received from Louis Rich, amount paid to him for support while a student, repaid by him	384.00
Received from Henry C. Thacher, contribution	1,000.00
Received from Brookline Society, payment on Mortgage note.....	500.00
Lee, Higginson, & Co., Notes receivable....	20,000.00
Part of temporary investment in Cambridge Estate retransferred to this Fund.....	3,314.55
	<u>\$47,285.26</u>

1890.

CR.

May 28. By Amount paid Benj. B. Newhall, on mortgages of houses in South Boston.....	\$6,000.00
Lee, Higginson, & Co., Notes receivable....	20,000.00
A. T. & S. F. R. R. 6 per cent. Guarantee Notes.....	20,000.00
Cash balance on deposit at Bay State Trust Company	1,285.26
	<u>\$47,285.26</u>

Total Amount of this Fund.

Mortgage on Church, land, and parsonage, Brookline, Mass.	\$8,000.00
Mortgage on house and land of O. D. Homer, West Newton, Mass.	6,000.00
Mortgage on house and land of G. S. Woodman, Newtonville, Mass.	5,500.00
Mortgage on Church property, Providence, R. I.	5,000.00
Mortgage on house and land of John Briggs, Boston.....	5,000.00
Mortgage on houses and land of B. B. Newhall, South Boston	6,000.00
A. T. & S. F. R. R. Guarantee Notes.....	20,000.00
Balance of unpaid subscription.....	1,370.00
Temporary investment in Cambridge Estate.....	331.81
Cash balance as above.....	1,285.26
	<u>\$58,487.07</u>

Cambridge Real-Estate Fund.

DR.

Sundry Contributions as per acknowledgments in New- Church <i>Messenger</i>	\$16,618.19
Temporarily transferred from Endowment Fund, as above	331.81
	<u>\$16,950.00</u>

CR.

By Cash paid on account of purchase of Sparks estate....	\$14,850.00	
Amount appropriated for repairs, alterations, and furnishing, as per current expense account.....	2,100.00	
	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>\$16,950.00</u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 28, 1890.

Examined and approved.

WM. J. CUTLER,	} <i>Finance Committee.</i>
F. A. DEWSON,	
JAS. RICHARD CARTER.	

NO. 7. — REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Managers consider that there is reason to be gratified with the first year's experience in Cambridge.

The School has taken its place in a quiet, orderly manner. Its accommodations have proved to be ample and suitable, and it has before it a fair field for usefulness to others, and for profit to the Church.

The Executive Committee of the Board, in immediate charge of the School, has consisted of Messrs. Dike, Reed, Hinkley, Whiston, and Worcester. The Examining Committee, composed in part of ministers outside of the Board of Managers, has consisted of Messrs. Hayden, Hinkley, Reed, Warren, and Sewall.

The members of the Board whose term of office now expires, are Messrs. Seward, Dike, Hayden, and W. N. Hobart, who are nominated by the Board for reelection.

The report of the President, containing an account of the work of the School, is herewith appended.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. DIKE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

OUR first year's work in Cambridge has been quiet and healthful. The new building proves convenient for all the purposes of the School, furnishing good rooms for the students, and quiet, clean, pleasant recitation rooms, such as the School has not had since it left Waltham. All the books belonging to the school have been brought together and conveniently arranged, the more precious of them in cases built into the Faculty room. Here also are displayed the garments of Palestine, and various coins and implements illustrative of the Bible story, belonging to Mr. Wright. An iron medallion, containing a portrait of Swedenborg in bass-relief, like the medallion lately placed upon the Swedenborg property in Stockholm, has been presented to the School by the Rev. W. H. Hinkley, and hangs in the entrance hall. Mr. Hinkley has also prepared a little book containing a full and accurate description of the property which formerly was the home of Swedenborg in Stockholm, and presented it to the School.

In the chapel Mr. Wright has conducted services every Sunday morning, which are followed by the exercises of a Sunday school, and has lectured regularly at four in the afternoon. Here were delivered the course of doctrinal lectures prepared by Messrs. Reed, Wright, and Smyth, which have been delivered also in several other cities of New England. Here also the Rev. Frank Sewall delivered in February a course of six lectures on the New Philosophy; and in March and April the President delivered seven lectures on the Spiritual Interpretation of the Scriptures. The lectures were well advertised, but excited little attention, the fact being that in a place where lectures are so numerous, and the time so fully occupied, no lectures will excite much attention except upon subjects in which men have previously become interested in other ways. We are content with what has been done for the present, and hope to win our way to a wider usefulness as we ourselves become qualified for it. If there is yet little active interest, it would not be possible to find a place where there is less antagonism, and more disposition to allow the teachings of the Church a fair field.

The regular work of the School has been done as usual. Mr. Werren has had one class in Latin, two in Greek, and two in Hebrew and Chaldee. Dr. Dike has taught the history of the Jewish Church, from Saul to the coming of the Lord. Mr. Wright has

taken the younger class in *Heaven and Hell*, the *Divine Love and Wisdom*, and the *Divine Providence*; and has given instruction in Homiletics and Pastoral Care. He has also given a course of lessons in Boston upon the work of the Sunday Schools. The President has had the older class in the *Last Judgment* and the *Apocalypse Revealed*; and has sketched with the same class the parallel story of Israel in Egypt, and the Exodus. He has also had two exercises a week for the School in Correspondences and Representatives, and in the interpretation of these in the Scriptures. Incidentally he has read with the School the little work on the *Earths in the Universe*. Good work has been done in elocution by Mr. E. N. Kirby, who has also been the instructor in the Harvard Divinity School.

Six students have been in attendance, two of whom, Messrs. Spiers and Billings, leave the School now for active work; Mr. Bjorck intends to remain for some extra studies next year; and the other three have taken only the first year's course.

We have thus had no middle class this year; and next year we shall have no senior class; though there is a prospect that some students will come for one year's work only, and will be assisted in whatever is most profitable to them.

Our advanced students have constantly been called upon to supply vacant pulpits — having this year been obliged to give more time to such work than was consistent with their proper work in the School. But this is not very likely to occur again.

The students have had the use of the College library, and of the excellent library and reading room of the Harvard Divinity School. There are some courses of lectures in this School which might be profitable to them, if they had leisure to attend them.

A public course by Dr. Lyon on the Monuments of Assyria, with special application to the illustration of the Bible, was attended this winter by some, and was of much value. As students come to the School with more full preparation, they will be able to avail themselves much more fully of the advantages of the situation. Our great need is still for well prepared, earnest students, devoted to the use; and these we hope in time to obtain.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President*.

NO. 8. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

IN making their report to the General Convention the Building Trustees find little to add to the very full and careful statement prepared by their Treasurer, which is subjoined hereto. It will be seen that they have a small balance which they are willing to lend to any Society needing it, and doubt not that if a larger sum was required it might be obtained from friends of the church.

The little Society at Preston, Md., were enabled by means of the help afforded them to build a very neat and tasteful chapel, which has been duly dedicated to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The terms of Julian Shoemaker and William McGeorge, Jr., two of the trustees, expire this year, and it will be necessary to elect two trustees to the vacancies to serve three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR., *Chairman.*

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

1889.				
May 21.	To Balance on hand per account rendered Con-	DR.	CR.	
	vention	309.35		
1890.				
June 14.	Interest on \$309.35 received from Massachu-			
	setts Loan and Trust Co. to June 14, 1890 .	12.21		
1890.				
Mch. 15.	By paid fees for registering Trust Deed of Preston			
	Society		\$2.62	
	Balance on hand, namely: —			
	Deposited Massachusetts Loan and Trust Co.		309.35	
	Cash in Treasurer's hands		9.59	
		<u>\$321.56</u>	<u>\$321.56</u>	
	To Balance on hand brought down	<u>\$318.94</u>		

Memorandum of Securities held by the Treasurer: —

Notes of the Trustees of the Preston Society of
the New-Jerusalem Church of Caroline Co.,
Md., Charles H. Whitby, President, and
James H. Douglass, Secretary, payable to

Christian Augustus E. Spamer, Trustee,						
dated Apr. 22, 1889, payable 1 year from date						\$40.00
" " " " 2 yrs. " "						40.00
" " " " 3 " " "						40.00
" " " " 4 " " "						40.00
" " " " 5 " " "						40.00
" " " " 5 " " "						1,000.00

Secured by mortgage from the above named Society, Charles H. Whitby, President, to Christian Augustus E. Spamer, with a Declaration of Trust from said Trustee to the Trustees of the Building Fund of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer.*

E. & O. E. BOSTON, June 14, 1890.

Examined and Approved.

D. L. WEBSTER.

JAS. RICHARD CARTER.

NO. 9. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE RICE LEGACY.

D. L. WEBSTER, TRUSTEE, *in account with* THE RICE LEGACY.

Receipts.

		DR.	
1889.			
May 18.	Cash balance (as per report) deposited with Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		\$447.26
31.	Chicago, Kansas, and Western R. R. Co. Coupon, 6 months to date		25.00
June 26.	Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Interest on Deposit 6 months to date		3.08
Oct. 1.	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co. Coupon, 6 months to date		35.00
1.	Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. Coupon, 6 months to date		35.00
1.	First National Bank Dividend, 6 months to date . .		144.00
1890.			
April 1.	First National Bank Dividend, 6 months to date . .		144.00
June 18.	Received on account of Interest, etc., in exchange of Atchison Securities		31.00
18.	Received from Sale of part of above Atchison Securities — say, \$63.96 First Mortgage Scrip, at 85 1-2 . .		54.69
			<u>\$919.03</u>

Disbursements.

1889.		DR.	
Aug. 3.	Cash paid M. Bodine on order of General Convention, 1888,		
	Minute 92		\$256.21
3.	Books for Rev. G. W. Fuller and Maine Historical Society		32.39
Sept. 23.	Books for Rev. G. S. Wheeler	\$59.08	
23.	" Richards Free Library, Newport, N. H.	9.50	
23.	" Rev. J. Miller . . . . .	.40	
			68.98
Oct. 24.	F. A. Dewson for Rev. A. Faraday, for work on Potts Concordance		250.00
Dec. 4.	Books for Louis Rich	\$9.60	
4.	" Manchester, N. H., N.-C. Read. Circle	10.00	
			19.60
4.	Five copies New-Church Magazine, for C. D. Rice, F. Putnam, G. F. Frost, H. H. Putnam, and S. S. Putnam		15.00
1890.			
April 17.	Books for H. J. Clinker	\$4.80	
17.	Children's Magazine to F. L. Putnam and C. D. Rice	2.00	
17.	N.-J. Magazine to F. L. Putnam and C. D. Rice	4.00	
17.	Books for Rev. E. D. Daniels	11.00	
			21.80
June 7.	Books for Rev. G. S. Wheeler	\$20.00	
7.	" Rev. G. F. Stearns	3.50	
			23.50
18.	For Atchison Income Scrip to even up \$500 bond		
	— say \$220 at 68	\$149.60	
	" \$20 at 68 1-2	13.70	
			163.30
			\$850.78
	Balance		68.25
			<u>\$919.03</u>

I have examined the foregoing account and find that the income receipts appear to be correctly stated and the disbursements properly vouched.

JAS. RICHARD CARTER.

Property of the Rice Legacy, June 18, 1890.

24 Shares Stock First National Bank of Boston at \$250	\$6,000.00
\$2,500 First Mortgage 4 per cent. Bond Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. Co. at 85	\$2,125.00
\$2,000 Income 5 per cent. Bond, Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. Co. at 67	1,340.00
	<u>3,465.00</u>
Amount carried forward	\$9,465.00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$9,465.00
Cash Deposited with Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	68.25
	<u>\$9,533.25</u>

NOTE. — The Atchison Bonds now held (as above stated) were received in exchange for the following Bonds, held at date of last report, say: —

\$1,000 Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co., taken at	\$1,144.13
\$1,000 Marion and McPherson R. R. Co., taken at	1,144.13
\$1,000 Chicago, Kansas, and Western, taken at	930.42
Together with a balance of cash paid in adjusting fractional parts	
of Bonds	\$163.30
Less	54.69
	<u>108.61</u>
	<u>\$3,327.29</u>

D. L. WEBSTER, *Trustee*.

NO. 10. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTCH LEGACY.

1889.

May 1. Balance on hand as per last report \$78.48

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society	\$287.46
“ “ J. R. Carter	300.00
“ “ J. B. Wiggin	131.75
“ “ A. D. Colby	90.00
Interest on Bonds, Eastern R. R.	180.00
Dividend, Bank of Redemption	210.00
Interest, New-England Trust Co.	23.46
Royalties, Board of Publication	20.69
Total Income	<u>1,243.36</u>
Principal on account Colby Mortgage	\$2,050.00
“ “ Portland “	725.00
	<u>2,775.00</u>
	<u>\$4,096.84</u>

Payments.

Insurance	\$61.74
Postage, etc	11.00
Translating and Revision	1,640.00
Plates of Heaven and Hell, and Arcana	642.26
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,355.00</u>

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,355.00
1890.		
May 1.	Balance on hand	1,741.84
		<u>\$4,096.84</u>

Property on Hand.

Cash	\$1,741.84	
35 Shares Bank of Redemption	3,804.70	
\$3,000 Bonds Eastern Railroad	2,782.50	
Mortgage, Portland Society	5,000.00	
“ J. B. Wiggin	2,200.00	
“ J. R. Carter	6,000.00	
“ A. D. Colby . . . . .	.650.00	
		<u>22,179.04</u>
Books, Plates, Manuscripts, etc., which cost		15,107.32
		<u>\$37,286.36</u>

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, ALBERT MASON, HORACE P. CHANDLER, CHARLES M. REED,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
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NO. II. — REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE Council, recognizing the need of an enlarged hymnal, has had a committee at work upon the matter and now recommends to the Convention the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Sewall, Smyth, Warren, J. Worcester, and J. Goddard, be appointed a committee to make a final revision of the Hymns and Tunes collected by the Council and to prepare the same for publication.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to undertake the publication of the enlarged Hymnal as soon as it shall be completed by the above committee.

In respect to Mr. Tafel's Resolution (Minute 129), the Council reports as follows:—

It appears from evidence before your Council that the facts alleged in the resolution of Mr. Tafel are substantially true: that the Rev. W. H. Benade did, on the 9th day of May 1888, introduce the Rev. W. F. Pendleton into the third degree of the ministry, and that Mr. Pendleton is recognized as a Bishop of the Academy of the New Church by its members.

It is well known that the Constitution of the Convention is a compromise, adopted by the members of the New Church in the United States of America in order that they might work together "in performing the uses of the General Church;" and that in that compromise ministers and others representing all parts of the Church, including the General Church of Pennsylvania, were consulted, and mutual concessions were made for the sake of the unity of the Church. The Constitution provides that "a pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by the request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with the power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers," etc. And it is plain that these provisions are intended to provide for a ministry which shall be a unit, and shall be recognized as the ministry of the General Convention in the United States of America.

The investiture of Mr. Pendleton with the office of Bishop, though performed by a General Pastor of the Convention, was not done "by the request of an Association" nor "with the sanction of the General Convention," but under the rules of a body which is not a component part of the Convention. It is thus intended as the establishment of a priesthood or ministry not recognized by the Convention, nor responsible to the Convention, and for which the Convention is in no way responsible.

While it appears to the Council that this act is not loyal to the spirit at least of the Constitution under which Mr. Benade holds the office of General Pastor, nor consistent with the unity of the ministry of the Church, we do not recommend any judicial action in regard to it, deeming it sufficient to present it in the light of the facts of the case.

The Council recommends to the Convention to so amend Section 24 of the By-Laws that the words "secretary of the Council of Ministers" be inserted in place of the word "Secretaries" and the word "Council" in place of the word "Secretaries," and that the words "or other collective body reporting to the Convention" be added after the word "Association;" the corresponding change to be made in Standing Recommendation No. 7.

The Council of Ministers has revised the list of ministers and recommends that the following changes be made: namely, to be added to the list of pastors and ministers, the names of William H. Acton, N. Dandridge Pendleton, George Henry Dole, Louis

G. Landenberger, Albert John Cleare, John A. Hayes, Junius B. Spiers, Percy Billings; that the following be dropped at their own request: W. D. Hastings, D. H. Rains, Theodore Edson; that the following be dropped because of having made no report for three years, though annually notified by the Secretaries of Convention: E. Payson Walton; that the following be added to the list of candidates: T. Mower Martin, Homer Synnestvedt, Josef E. Rosenqvist, G. W. Wiley.

In regard to the request of the New-York Association, the Council recommends that the Convention give its sanction to the investiture of Rev. S. S. Seward, Presiding Minister of the New-York Association, with power to officiate at ordinations, as requested by that Association.

In respect to Mr. Bonney's resolutions, the Council voted to report that it had not sufficient time at the present session to give adequate consideration to them. It placed the subject in the hands of a Committee and now asks to have the subject continued in its hands.

It has taken into consideration the memorial of a committee of the German Missionary Union and will report thereon next year.

The subject of Article V., Section 5, it also asks to have continued with it.

It has confirmed the following as members of the Board of Missions: Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, T. F. Wright, S. S. Seward, John Worcester, John Doughty, Frank Sewall, John Goddard, and L. P. Mercer.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

NO. 12.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions presents the following Report:—

Reorganization.

AT the last meeting of the General Convention, held at Washington, D. C., in May, 1889, this Board was enlarged by the addition of three members, including the President of the Convention, who was made Chairman of the Board, *ex-officio*.

On Sept. 25, following, a meeting was held in Boston, the President of the Convention, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, being present, when the new Board was fully organized. The Rev. Willard H. Hinkley was reëlected Secretary and Dr. E. A. Whiston, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five members, consisting of Messrs. Giles, Pettee, Dike, Wright, and Hinkley was chosen.

It was *voted*, "That three members should constitute a quorum of this Committee; that it should meet monthly and have the powers of the Board in the interim between its meetings."

It was *voted*, "That five members should constitute a quorum of the whole Board when in session."

Finances.

It was also *voted*, "That the last Sunday of October in each year be appointed by the Board for a contribution for general missionary uses, and that the Secretary notify all Societies, Circles, and isolated persons, and request the Ministers and Leaders to give notice of the contribution, in advance, and to make the subject a topic for preaching on that day." Printed circulars embodying this resolution were subsequently mailed to Ministers and Leaders.

The Committee resumed its session on the following day when the wants of the New Church for missionary labor at home and abroad were very fully considered. In view of these wants the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Board of Home and Foreign Missions requires the sum of \$5,000 to carry on its work for the current year, and that an appeal be made to the Church to provide it." This resolution was published in the *New-Church Messenger* and our usual circulars asking for aid were sent to a large number of New-Church people throughout the country. The appeal for contributions from societies was only partially responded to, nevertheless the sum of \$1330.08 was received from these sources.

Meetings of a missionary character were held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other cities, to awaken a deeper interest in the work of the Board, and the result showed that such meetings were very much needed to make our people better acquainted with our plans and work.

The total amount received by our Treasurer during the past fiscal year, from all sources, is \$4,751.94, exceeding the receipts of any former year, but falling short of the sum asked for.

The calls upon the Board have been larger than ever before. We have been enabled to meet all of them and to pay all of the appropriations, leaving however a small sum in the treasury to pay accruing obligations. We ask, therefore, that a united effort be made to place the Board in a better financial condition, so that we may be able to prosecute the work we will be called upon to do during the coming year.

The Endowment has been increased by the sum of \$1,125, amounting now to \$2,125. The Board again renews the suggestion that this Endowment Fund should be steadily increased, so as to afford an income for the future. Endowments have been raised for the Theological School, the Board of Publication, and other institutions in the New Church, while this Board has been left to depend upon annual contributions which must necessarily be of uncertain amount and inadequate to our wants. The funds already received have been safely invested, partly in bonds and partly by deposit in one of the savings banks of Boston. Subscribers to the Endowment may feel assured that all sums of money contributed to it will be permanently and securely invested, the interest only being used for current expenditures.

Operations.

All the fields reported upon last year continue to receive our attention, and several new ones have been brought to our notice and supplied to a limited extent. Our home operations embrace the support of missionaries employed directly by this Board, and the aiding of Associations and Societies in the support of their ministers or pastors.

Associations.

The Canada, the Michigan, the Minnesota, and the Maryland Associations have each received financial aid. The Canada Association continues its missionary work mainly through the Rev. J. E. Bowers, to whose support our aid has been given.

In Michigan the Rev. George Nelson Smith has labored successfully under the auspices and direction of the Michigan Association. We have contributed to his support through that body and by its request. The Rev. Joseph S. David, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been assisted in a similar manner. In addition to his labors as pastor of the Society in that city he has visited one or

two missionary stations in Minnesota and is likely to be called to other points farther West.

The Rev. J. E. Smith has continued to labor as the missionary of the Maryland Association, and we have contributed to his support as heretofore while he has been conducting the missions on the Eastern shore of Maryland.

Societies.

The Savannah Society has enjoyed the services of the Rev. J. E. Smith, who as our missionary has been with them during the months of December and January last, making a brief visit to Jacksonville and other points in Florida. The new house of worship in Savannah was dedicated on the first Sunday in December, the Rev. Chauncey Giles and the Rev. J. E. Smith officiating. The house was well filled at the dedication service and, subsequently, services held by Mr. Giles were well attended. A large part of the money required to build this house was raised through efforts of the Board for which our friends in Savannah have expressed their grateful appreciation. The total cost was about \$2,700. After Mr. Smith concluded his labors for this Society, the Board sent Mr. John A. Hayes, an authorized preacher, to Savannah to fill the pulpit. He remained with them and served them acceptably until the first of May. The Society expects to call a pastor in the fall, who will locate permanently in Savannah.

In Jacksonville, Fla., there is no organized society, but the nucleus for one. There is also a society in Merrimack and small circles of receivers at other points. The Chattanooga, Tenn., Society has been ministered to by the Rev. J. P. Smith during the past year; it has continued to prosper and has somewhat increased in numbers. The Society in Crossville, Tenn., has not been able to keep up its services regularly. A number of removals has reduced its strength. Owing to the distance from Chattanooga the Rev. Mr. Smith has not been able to visit them more than once or twice during the past year, but it is hoped that a better condition of things may prevail ere long and that the Society may even obtain the services of a resident minister who can visit the missionary stations in Cumberland and White Counties, formerly visited by Mr. Smith.

Des Moines, Iowa.

Divine services have recently been inaugurated in this city and Mr. Addison F. Lyman has preached or lectured to small meetings on the Sabbath. This movement has been sustained by friends in Des Moines and other places and the Board has appropriated the sum of ten dollars a month for five months towards it. Mr. Lyman has been authorized to preach by the Rev. Stephen Wood under authority from the General Society of Iowa.

Texas.

This State might be placed under the head of Associations, as one has been formed within its limits during the past year under the name of the "General Society of the New Church in Texas." The Galveston Society is the only local Society organized in the State, and Galveston is the centre of the new Association. It is expected that the General Society will ask for admission to the General Convention at its approaching session. Our missionary, the Rev. Stephen Wood, was instrumental in its formation. There are three persons engaged in preaching or lecturing in Texas under authority from the General Society. These are Dr. R. R. Barmore, of Milano, Milam Co., Andrew E. Pope, of Warren, Tyler Co., and James W. Moore, of Clarksville, Red River Co. Considerable aid must still be afforded our brethren in this State to enable them to establish the New Church more firmly within its borders. The Rev. Mr. Wood's services for nearly four months, last winter, were very helpful in this direction. What is now needed is not a missionary for three or four months, but a settled pastor for the Galveston Society who will also act as General Pastor for the whole State and in the new Association.

Kansas and Missouri.

The Topeka Society forms the centre of our operations in Kansas which we hope will be extended, ere long, to points in Missouri, especially to Kansas city, where Divine services have been inaugurated. The Rev. Gustave Reiche has ministered very acceptably to the Topeka Society and as the missionary of this Board. Last winter he delivered a course of lectures in the Library hall at Topeka which were well attended and resulted in an increased attendance in the chapel of the Society and a request

for New-Church services at a suburb of the city. Mr. Reiche has visited Pawnee, Rock and other places in Kansas, preaching, baptizing a number of persons, and administering the Holy Supper. His faithfulness in the performance of his duties as pastor and missionary is highly appreciated by the Topeka Society and this Board.

California, Oregon, and Washington.

The Rev. John Doughty, pastor of the First New-Church Society of San Francisco, was chosen a member of this Board at the last meeting of the Convention. Since then he has been in correspondence with us in reference to the New Church in these States. At his request we have extended pecuniary aid to the Rev. D. V. Bowen, to enable him to serve the Society at Los Angeles and to the Rev. D. A. Dryden, at San José. We have recently received letters from the growing city of Seattle, and also from Tacoma asking for the services of a New-Church minister. The Board has under consideration a plan for supplying Tacoma and perhaps Seattle for a month or two the ensuing summer. An effort is now being made in California to form a New-Church Association for the Pacific States. It is hardly probable that this Association will be able to supply the wants of all these States, comprising a very large territory, without the aid of this Board.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Some progress has been made in these Provinces. The Rev. Mr. Dike visited New Annan, Nova Scotia, and some other places last summer and found a growing interest in the truths of the New Church. The Board has recently received a request from residents of St. John, New Brunswick, asking that a New-Church minister may visit that city to preach and lecture, under the auspices of this Board. An effort will be made to fulfil their request and to perform some work in Nova Scotia, also, during the coming summer.

Foreign.

We have extended aid, as heretofore, to Signor Scocia, in Italy, to the Rev. Wilhelm Winslow, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and to the Rev. Messrs. Boyesen and Manby, in Sweden, who severally continue their labors in their respective fields. Reports are herewith subjoined from the Rev. Mr. Boyesen, the Rev. Mr. Manby, the Rev. Mr. Winslow, and Signor Scocia.

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the New Church in the United States of America:—

DEAR BRETHREN: Since last we had the pleasure of writing to you one year has passed, during which, through the mercy of the Lord, we have been enabled to continue our work of spreading knowledge of the Second Coming of the Lord. We are glad to report to you, dear friends, that we are working in peace and brotherly love, and that the attendance at our public worship is constantly increasing, so that we very much feel the want of a temple or a chapel for Divine services. Our congregation consists now of more than two hundred members, and if these in general were well off, we would be able to support ourselves. This may, indeed, be considered as a poor result of several years' labor, but the reason is that the old Church exercises a very great influence on the people, and that many preachers of the different denominations speak against the New Church and its doctrines and tell people that Swedenborg was mad and denied Christ. As a consequence the New Church will—according to my personal experience during many years—make slower progress here than in a country where there is no State Church. Still we are glad to say that the progress of the New Church with us is—when we take all circumstances in consideration—quite satisfactory. Divine services have been held almost during the whole year, and in the winter I have lectured one evening in the week.

Referring to my report last year, I will permit myself to add the following:—

Our Sunday School is making good progress, the number of children being the same, thirty, among whom are even found Baptist and Methodist children. This year two boys and one girl are going to be confirmed.

The Union of Peace has labored with constantly increasing interest and success, for the result of its warm-hearted endeavors to support our congregation was last year 1597 crowns. When the New-Church people here formed one society, the result of its Bazaars never did amount to the half of the above sum, but the first year after we had formed our congregation the income of our Bazar amounted to 1389 crowns. Thus you see that we have great reason for being thankful to the Lord who mercifully has animated the hearts of our friends with fervent love to the cause of His Church.

It deserves also to be mentioned that the New-Church Society here during nine years could not bring the members of its Sewing Union up to more than about twenty-five persons, but one year after, when our congregation had been formed, our Sewing Union, whose name was changed to the "Union of Peace," consisted of seventy members, and at present it consists of more than one hundred members. When we remember that our Congregation consists of persons of whom none are wealthy and very few are well off, the above mentioned results are very encouraging, and we have no reason to regret that we formed our congregation.

Now, as numbers and facts speak better or more faithfully than anything else, you may see, dear friends, that we labor earnestly to continue the great work, which the Lord through your kindness has commenced in our country. You may also see that our congregation never has "torn down" but on the contrary "built up," and that the Lord has blessed our endeavors.

We have reason to entertain the hope that our noble friend, Dr. John Ellis, of New York, will kindly send the *True Christian Religion* to the clergy of Sweden and Norway and to the prominent officers of the government.

In conclusion, we thank you heartily, dear brethren, for the kindness you have shown us and for the great interest you are taking in the progress of the New Church with us. It is very encouraging that you again show us sympathy through your noble benevolence. As we — owing partly to prejudices, partly to the influence of the old established Church — not yet are self-supporting, we ask our kind American brethren still to reach us a helping hand. May the Lord bless your labor in His vineyard.

In behalf of the Church Council of the New-Church Congregation in Stockholm, thankfully and affectionately,

A. BOYSEN.

O. W. NORDENSKJOLD,

C. TORNBLOM,

A. LINDHE,

C. CARLSON,

G. ANDERSSON,

A. EDBERG.

Church Council.

STOCKHOLM, April, 1890.

STOCKHOLM, April 28, 1890.

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the New Church in the United States of America : —

DEAR AND RESPECTED BRETHREN : The year that has gone since I gave in, through you, my last communication to the General Convention, has been one of busy work. My time has been divided as before between Gottenburg and Stockholm, besides missionary travels during summer months. A short review of the work may be of interest to you.

Last summer I began my missionary tour — after a recreating visit to our friends in Copenhagen — in Malmo, a city in the southwestern Sweden, over against Copenhagen, at the beginning of July. There I lectured thrice, and preached once, before hundreds of attentive hearers. Since, I visited Ystad, a town on the south coast, and delivered there one lecture ; Broby, a large community in Skane, and delivered in several places seven public discourses, and some private ones ; Christianstad, a city in Skane, where a private meeting, attended by many friends, was held ; Wexio, a city in Smaland, where I delivered one lecture and one sermon ; and the following cities and towns at the eastern coast : Kalmar, one lecture ; Oscarshamn, one lecture ; Westervik, one lecture, and one sermon ; Norrköping, two lectures ; Wisby, in the Isle of Gotland, two lectures and one sermon ; Nyköping, two lectures and one sermon ; and several other places. The audiences were in general exceedingly good, sometimes up to several hundreds. The newspapers commonly reported the lectures and sermons most favorably, and I have a good many such reports reserved as souvenirs. Many thousands of tracts and newspapers, and more than three hundred and fifty copies of the *Heavenly Doctrines*, received from Rev. C. T. Odhner, of Philadelphia, U. S. A., were distributed ; and sixty copies of *Heaven and Hell* — the new translation, published at the cost of Dr. John Ellis — were sold.

It was not always easy to have suitable places for the lectures. In Oscarshamn it seemed to be impossible. Then was opened to me the Assembly Hall of the State School. This, I think, is worth mentioning.

Besides the ordinary services on Sundays, in our magnificent hall — Hotel Continental, W. C. — in Stockholm, there were delivered two week evening lectures in the same place on "What is the Bible?" and in one of the borders of the capital, "Sodermalm," three lectures. This was the first time the Heavenly Doctrines were publicly preached in that part of Stockholm where Emanuel Swedenborg had his home during the remarkable years 1743-1772. The subject of the first lecture on Nov. 29 was: "Who was properly Emanuel Swedenborg?" The hall, not very large, was filled with most attentive hearers each time, the last time more than before.

These lectures in the southern very populous suburb — where we ought to have regular services every week — were also the first effort of bringing into effect a general plan to preach the New Church in the very borders of our largest cities, Stockholm and Gottenburg, our ordinary places of worship there being more in the centre. During my last stay in Gottenburg, I delivered in one of its borders the same three lectures that were delivered in the capital, and with very encouraging result, causing the ordinary services to be more attended, and our loan library more made use of. The attendance at the first lecture was largest — probably about two hundred persons being present.

Both in Stockholm and Gottenberg there have been, at my home, Sunday evening meetings for studying the writings. These meetings prove most useful — the last meeting of this kind in Gottenberg was attended by more than thirty persons.

As was the case in January last year, when two young ladies were confirmed at our congregation here in Stockholm, so also last Easter Day; then two other young ladies partook after confirmation, for the first time of the Holy Communion. In June, last year, a young man was confirmed in Gottenburg.

As a means of mighty power in securing a good result of our missionary enterprises, there have of late been organized a number of a new kind of circulating libraries, what we call "*Flyttandé Lanbiblioteks*," (ambulating or ambulatory loan libraries), to be sent from place to place all over the country. You will find here enclosed a list of their contents, and also common rules concerning the use of them. The set of most New-Church books is, as you see, divided into five series, each constituting an "Ambulating Loan Library" intended to stay in a place from January to January, then being sent to other places, so that all series can be gone through during five years. Statistics in two copies are to be kept. For next summer's missionary work — which is expected to be more extended than before — I hope much help of these "Ambulatory Libraries," of which we have at present twenty-five — five of each series — contained in very neat wooden boxes. All who desire to make use of "Ambulatory Libraries," have to enter as members into the "*Nykyrkliga Studieförbundet* (New-Church Studying Union), it being intended to form groups of that Union in as many places as possible. At the entrance will be paid fifty ore, and the annual contribution is one *krona*. It will be remembered that we have ordinary loan libraries in a dozen places of the country.

Also this year I have had the favor of receiving from your Board of Missions a most valuable assistance — seventy-five dollars. The half of this sum I have

given as aid to the support of our periodical, the "*Skandinavisk Nykyrkstidning*," the editing of which is entrusted to me. This monthly, now in its fifteenth year, is of greatest importance for carrying on our work.

With longing I look forward to the time when, through the kind aid of your Board of Missions, we can hope at length to see one more laborer in the large field, our country — large enough to be divided into twelve parts, and able to give work to as many laborers, who could be usefully employed by travelling from place to place; preaching the gospel of the New Jerusalem.

And now kindly bring to the members of your Board my heartfelt and respectful greetings. May the Lord mercifully bless your common labors, and bless the work of the approaching General Convention unto use universal.

Yours in the Lord's New Church, with fraternal affections,

C. J. N. MANBY.

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary: —

DEAR BROTHER: Of all events that have transpired within our New-Church Society during the last six months, ending April 30, none seems to me to be more significant than Mr. Flemming's departure for your country and his admission as a student at the New-Church Theological School in Cambridge. I look upon it as being one of the best signs of the prosperous growth of a New-Church Society, when intelligent young men are found within it, eager to devote all their energies to the dissemination of the heavenly doctrines. Mr. Flemming is now the second young man who has gone out from our midst in order to prepare for the New-Church ministry. It was not granted us, as you know, to keep amongst us Mr. Stenholdt, his predecessor, who to our great grief was removed to the spiritual world two years ago. The greater at the time this loss was felt to be, of so much greater importance must now Mr. Flemming's undertaking appear to us, and we are therefore watching the further development of events in relation to his preparation for his missionary work with the deepest interest. It need hardly be added, that the information we have received from him of the great kindness with which he has been received at Cambridge, and the favorable circumstances under which he has been placed, has caused us much joy and filled our hearts with sincere gratitude towards our American brethren.

As regards local missionary matters, I have not much of particular interest to communicate to you this time. My work of preaching and lecturing has been carried on regularly from week to week, without interruption. At first, for several months, the subject of my lectures was *Exodus*, of which book the first fourteen chapters have been carefully gone through. Then I commenced to lecture on the *Apocalypse*, and have so far as carefully explained the contents of the first six chapters of that book. These lectures have on the whole been well attended, and I have reason to believe that they have been interesting and instructive to all those that heard them.

During the same period I have confirmed seven young persons, and three times administered the Holy Supper to the members of the Society. I have continued the publication of my monthly paper, *Nykirkeligt Sendebud*, and have also translated from the Swedish language, Rev. Mr. Manby's pamphlet on Swedenborg

and the New Church, and published the same at the expense of our devoted brother, Mr. C. Höst, at Nyköping. It will no doubt please you to learn that said brother has also shown his warm interest for our New-Church Society in another way, namely, by buying a nice little organ and placing it at our disposal free of expense, thus relieving us from the necessity of renting an organ, as we had hitherto been obliged to do.

I cannot conclude these lines without calling your attention to the fact that we have still another young man in our midst whose heart's desire and intention it is, if nothing prevents, to leave here this fall in order to go to Cambridge and be trained for the ministry in the same way as his friend Mr. Flemming. His name is S. Brönniche, and he is now twenty-three years of age. I think I can safely recommend this excellent young man to your brotherly care, and to the full enjoyment of such privileges as you may be able to grant him.

Thanking you for your great kindness to me and my brethren here during the past year, and hoping to retain your good-will as hitherto, I remain, dear brother,

Yours sincerely,

WM. WINSLOW.

6 Sindshvilevej, Frederiksberg, Denmark.

May 20, 1890.

FLORENCE, ITALY, April 20, 1890.

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions:—

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN: It is a great satisfaction for me to be able to inform you that the number of the admirers and adherents of the Celestial Doctrines has, although slowly, nevertheless gone on growing in Italy, even in the current year. This happy increase results first from the quantity of our precious works which have been sold during the last ten months, of which the following is the list:—

The True Christian Religion	9
New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine	3
Summary Exposition	9
Divine Providence	5
Divine Love and Wisdom	5
Heaven and Hell	7
The Earths in the Universe	9
The Intercourse between the Soul and the Body	7
The Doctrine of Life	120
The Decalogue Explained	100
Life and Mission of Emanuel Swedenborg	9
Religion of Good Sense	4
<i>La Nuova Epoca</i> , Vol. 9.	18
Does the Brain Think? (Reply to Prof. Mantegazza)	50
The Errors and Evils of Modern Society	30
The Spiritual State of Emanuel Swedenborg	20
On the Hypothesis of the Origin of Man from the Ape	35

The Origin of Man from God	20
The Origin and Nature of Life	20
The Death of the Material Body and Immortality of the Soul	25
Death the Gate of Life	20
The Curse and the Blessing of Riches	88
The Conflict between Labor and Capital	90
The Happiness in Labor	30
Catechism or Instruction for Children from the Heavenly Doctrines	10

Second, The said increase results also from the numerous letters which have come to me from the readers of the above described works, asking me, some to dissolve a doubt, others to smooth a difficulty or to throw light on an obscure step. As was my duty I have responded to all, giving the requested explanation. Such correspondence, therefore, has pressed me for time, obliging me to retard the completion of other labors. Thus the necessity of a coadjutor in the missionary work becomes ever more manifest.

This necessity appears inevitable considering that the time has arrived in which one or more societies of the New Church ought by an earnest endeavor to be organized ecclesiastically in Italy. Such an organization is indispensable for the continuation of the Italian Mission in the future, for individuals pass away, but corporations remain and are able to continue the work initiated by individuals. But to attain such an important end it is necessary to inaugurate a new and more efficient and impressive system of propagation — a system which would not have been possible earlier. This system, as it seems to me, consists in opening to the public, in this city of Florence, a convenient place for the reading and the sale of our precious books, with a hall for the expounding by word of mouth of the celestial doctrines to the public. Until now the propagation of these doctrines has been effected in Italy almost entirely by means of the press, or by means of our publications which — large and small — mount up to the number of forty volumes.

Several thousands of copies of these works have been partly sold, partly distributed gratuitously to the public libraries and to the Roman Catholic priests. Notwithstanding this, there remain in my room ten thousand more copies of these, which are such an incumbrance that I no longer know where to place the new translations which are being printed. It is necessary, therefore, to provide a larger place for the deposit of these books, or I shall have to suspend any further publication.

The system of propagation of the doctrines by means of the press, being the most economical, was the only one which I could practise until now, considering the poverty of my financial resources; nevertheless, it has given excellent though slow results, as may be seen from my preceding reports, where are found numerous examples of affectionate acceptance of the new doctrines on the part of my fellow-countrymen, readers of the works of Swedenborg. Of these examples I will here add two very recent ones. A distinguished gentleman, a tribunal judge, wrote to me under date of the first of April last: —

“I desire to know whether you have translated any other works of Swedenborg into Italian, and what the cost of them is. I have read many times those which I possess, and have always found there new truths, apt to resuscitate celestial affec-

tions in my heart. Dear friend, the little progress which my spirit has made in the path of reformation, since the reading of the above-mentioned works, encourages me to hope that it will continue. Last year I suffered a long illness of which I am materially cured. Now it only remains to be spiritually cured; and for that I place my confidence in the Lord."

The other example is from a Roman Catholic priest. He wrote me in the past month of December:—

"The new doctrine has inundated my soul with an immense, inexpressible joy, making me to discover in the Divine Word, new, most beautiful, and consoling truths. May the Lord God crown the work commenced, and finally lead my much troubled spirit in the paths of peace."

It would be easy for me to adduce other like examples, if I were not afraid of being tedious. It will suffice to say that the readers and admirers of the writings of the New Church in Italy are at the least a hundred scattered in different cities. Some of them are affectionate and fervent promoters of the good cause, but unfortunately their financial condition does not correspond to their devotion and to their zeal.

These unhappy circumstances render my task much more arduous and hard than it otherwise would be. It is true, my kind friends, that your benevolence has been so great that you have generously supplied, for twenty years until today, for all the needs of the missionary work; but precisely on this consideration, in the fear of being indiscreet, I do not dare to make further appeal to your liberality, however much the needs of the Italian Mission are today increased, requiring the inauguration of a new and more costly system of propagation.

In order to enable me to render myself fitted for my new task I undertook, in the past months of September and October, a voyage abroad and visited the societies of the New Church in Zurich, Paris, and in different cities of England, with the intention of seeing and studying what there was of note in their ecclesiastical organization, and what kind of religious life they practically lived.

I was everywhere received by all these good brethren with the clearest proofs of esteem and sympathy, and with the greatest demonstrations of cordiality and politeness. Therefore I could not have had more satisfaction, nor expect or desire greater encouragement.

I humbly thank the Lord for having permitted me the privilege of seeing among the different congregations which I visited, things excellent and worthy of admiration. They seem to me to prove gloriously that the New Jerusalem has commenced to descend from heaven to our earth, in the midst of that noble people, which, according to the revelation of our author, occupies in the spiritual world the centre of all the Christians (T. C. R. Appen. 807). On this account, therefore, the result of my voyage has been most happy, for, beside the valuable practical information which I have acquired, I feel in mind and body comforted and reinvigorated, and have returned to my country greatly encouraged and decided to promote with more alacrity and vigor the sacred work to which I am pledged.

But will there be given me the possibility of inaugurating in Italy the same impressive system of propagation which I have seen perform its use so well in England? Shall I have pecuniary means sufficient to open to the public in this city of Florence a convenient place for the reading and sale of the writings of the New Church and for the preaching by the living voice of her heavenly doctrines?

Shall I succeed in organizing societies under an ecclesiastical form, and thus in establishing practically in an attractive manner and in a regular order the external worship of the Lord?

These, and others similar, are the questions which I sometimes put to myself; but the Lord alone is able to answer these questions.

The contributions received up to today for the needs of the Mission amount to \$650; the expenses for printing and correspondence to \$100. Thus there remains for the maintenance of the missionary \$550.

In the name of my compatriots, who have found light and comfort in the heavenly doctrines of the New Church, and for myself, I warmly thank all the kind friends in America and in England who have encouraged and assisted me with their generous contributions, praying them to kindly accept the sincere expression of our profound respect and of our unflinching gratitude.

I remain my dear friends and brethren, your obedient and faithful servant in the New Church,

LORETO SCOCIA.

[Maud G. Sewall, Translator.]

Last year the General Convention received through this Board a communication from "The Society of Believers of the New Church," in Stockholm, asking for a missionary and suggesting the name of Mr. Albert Bjorck, a student in the New-Church Theological School at Cambridge, as one who might serve them. It was then thought best that Mr. Bjorck should finish his studies before entertaining this proposition. As the period of his graduation has approached the subject has again been brought to the notice of the Board by correspondence with some of the friends in Stockholm. After very careful consideration of it, in all its bearings, the Board has with great reluctance come to the conclusion that the indications in favor of carrying out this proposal are not sufficient to warrant us in making the effort, and that it seems necessary to defer the matter for the present. This resolution has been communicated to the "Society of Believers" in Stockholm.

Trinidad.

From this island in the tropics we have received communications, since our last report, from Mr. J. Maisonnene, of San Fernando, who writes of the possibility of our sending a missionary there from this country or joining with our English brethren in sending one from England. In a recent letter which has been sent to the *New-Church Messenger* for publication, Mr. Maisonnene has indicated in what ways the cause of the New Church can be promoted in the West Indies and especially in Trinidad. As aid

is extended by the English Government to churches and schools in Trinidad, it seems not wholly impracticable for the New Church in Great Britain and America to have a missionary stationed on that island who might visit other points in the West Indies. We have brought the subject to the notice of the Committee on Foreign and Colonial Missions of the New-Church Conference in Great Britain which has it under consideration. We shall ask the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society of Philadelphia to supply Mr. Maisonnenne with tracts and small editions of the writings of Swedenborg at the expense of this Board.

The Future.

It must be evident to readers of this report who are acquainted with the past history of our operations that our work is increasing from year to year and that it will continue to do so, so long as it is prosecuted with energy and efficiency. It is limited, in fact, only by the want of men to labor and means to support them.

It behooves us to consider the pressing need for able men in the different fields of our great and growing country. We need men well instructed in the doctrines of the New Church, apt to teach, and filled with the true spirit and apostolic zeal. How shall we obtain them? This question must be answered. The call for these laborers is now very urgent. Let us not only pray that the Lord may send such laborers into His vineyard, but let us coöperate with Him in this heavenly work.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President.*

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

E. A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1889.	Dr.	
May 10.	To Balance on hand, as per account rendered to Convention	346.44
	Amounts received as per monthly statements in New-Church Messenger : —	
	Contributions for general purposes not specifically designated by Contributors	\$3,133.45
	For General Home Missions	576.30
	Rev. J. E. Smith's work	125.00
	Texas	8.00
	Southern work	1.00
	Building Savannah Church	512.00
	Building Preston Church	160.75
	General Foreign Missions	109.00
	Italian Mission.....	43.00
	The Society in Wales	6.30
	Distributing Books .....	.20
	Paying rent of halls.....	6.00
	Expenses of C. H. Flemming, Theological Student	10.00
	Income from Endowment Fund	46.00
	Interest on Deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.....	14.94
		<hr/> 4,751.94
		<hr/> <u>\$5,098.38</u>

1890.	CR.	
May 31.	By Amount paid to date, as follows : —	
	Rev. J. P. Smith, Salary 15 months to date.	\$625.00
	Rev. Stephen Wood, 3 months in Texas ...	300.00
	Rev. Stephen Wood, expenses	86.10
	Rev. G. Reiche, appropriation for 13 months to date.....	455.00
	Rev. J. E. Smith, work on Eastern Shore, Md.	200.00
	Rev. J. E. Smith, special contribution of Mr. McGeorge.....	100.00
	Rev. J. E. Smith, 3 months, Southern tour..	300.00
	Rev. J. E. Smith, expenses Southern tour ..	76.55
	For work in Michigan Association	100.00
	For work in Minnesota Association	150.00
	For work in Canada Association	100.00
	Dr. B. B. Barmore, for work in Texas	15.00

Amount carried forward..... \$2,507.65

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Reports of Officers and Committees.

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1890.	<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	<i>\$2,507.65</i>	
May 31.	For Savannah Church Building.....	512.00	
	For Preston Church Building	160.75	
	Rev. D. V. Bowen, work in California	100.00	
	Rev. D. A. Dryden, work in California	50.00	
	Rev. S. F. Dike, work in Nova Scotia	100.00	
	Rev. Chauncey Giles, expenses of Southern trip	68.00	
	Rev. J. W. McSparrow, expenses in Missouri	10.00	
	Mr. J. A. Hayes, 3 months in Savannah ...	225.00	
	Mr. J. A. Hayes, expenses	61.05	
	Mr. Addison F. Lyman, work in Iowa	30.00	
	Printing Annual Reports	32.00	
	Stationery, postage, telegrams, printing, ex- pressage, etc.....	63.54	
	Secretary's expenses.....	4.25	
	Books sent to sundry persons	3.95	
	Rev. William Winslow, balance due on last year's appropriation	75.00	
	Rev. William Winslow, balance due for rent of chapel.. ..	25.00	
	Rev. William Winslow, appropriation for current year	150.00	
	Rev. William Winslow, for rent of chapel for current year	50.00	
	Prof. Loreto Scocia, Florence, Italy	300.00	
	Rev. A. T. Boyesen, Stockholm	150.00	
	Rev. C. J. N. Manby, Gottenberg	150.00	
	The Society in Wales	6.30	
	New-Church Board of Publication for Miss. Liturgies	23.57	
		<hr/>	\$4,858.06
	Balance on deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		240.32
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			<u>\$5,098.38</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1889.	<i>Dr.</i>		
May 10.	To Cash balance on deposit, as per annual ac- count	\$81.88	
	Sundry Contributions as per acknowledg- ments in New-Church Messenger.....	1,125.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,206.88
1890.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 31.	By Deposit in Franklin Savings Bank, Boston .	\$1,000.00	
	Balance on deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.....	206.88	
		<hr/>	\$1,206.88

Total Amount of this Fund.

\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Bond	} cost	\$918.12
\$63.96 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Scrip		
\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Bond..		
\$60.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Scrip		
Deposit in Franklin Savings Bank, Boston....		1,000.00
Deposit in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		206.88
		<u>\$2,125.00</u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer*.

BOSTON, May 31, 1890.

Examined and approved.

F. A. DEWSON, *Auditor*.

NO. 13. — REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

THE Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts begs leave to report that for want of sufficient funds as yet provided, nothing has been done in the matter of publishing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg. A considerable amount has been subscribed for the purpose, but owing to want of coöperation on the part of the Church in England, the matter has remained during the past year at a stand-still. We can but hope, however, that a proper presentation of the subject to our English friends, will move them to the necessary coöperation. With such coöperation your committee has confidence that the work could soon be put in progress of execution.

The Committee would also report that during the past year two new volumes of its Latin reprints have been published by the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, namely the *Quatuor Doctrinæ* and the *De Ultimo Judicio* in one volume, and the *De Amore Conjugiali*. The *De Divino Amore* is stereotyped, and the *De Coelo et Inferno* is nearly completed.

The Committee would recommend that the resolution relating to the distribution of these works to libraries (Minute 73, JOURNAL of 1886) be so enlarged as to include college and public libraries.

*The following was received after the adjournment of the Convention, and is printed with the Journal for the information of the Church.**

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

The Committee on the Manuscripts of Swedenborg reports that no steps have been taken during the past year towards completing the work of photolithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg, the Committee appointed to collect funds for this purpose not having reported the collection of an amount sufficient to warrant the commencement of the work. According to information received from Stockholm prolonged delay in proceeding with the work may result in an entire frustration of the plan of procuring fac-simile copies of the remaining originals of the Writings of the Church. The Librarian of the Academy of Sciences, which is the custodian of the Manuscripts, sends word that a recent examination into their condition has brought to light the fact that the paper of some of the codices is beginning to show the effect of the corrosions of time, and that the ink has commenced to run, in consequence of which the writing has become too indistinct for reproduction by photography.

The Committee on the Manuscripts after having accomplished a part of the duty assigned to it in 1878, was continued in existence in the hope that the Convention would enable it to finish what had been begun. This hope has proved delusive either from lack of interest in the use proposed or from lack of appreciation of its paramount importance on the part of the Convention. Defect of pecuniary ability can hardly be urged in extenuation of this state of things, in view of the fact that enterprises of inferior importance have recently received ample support. The sum of money invested in either of two recent undertakings would have sufficed to set on foot and carry to completion the photo-lithographing of the remaining manuscripts of Swedenborg and to secure for the Church for the present and for all coming time exact copies of the priceless original documents of the Lord's Revelation for the use of His New Church. And now, since it appears that the Convention is not willing to perform this most important use, the Chairman of the Committee is unwilling to aid any longer in maintaining an evident delusion and begs to have his name withdrawn from the membership of the Committee.

WILLIAM H. BENADE, *Chairman.*

* This report was not received in time to be read to the Convention.

NO. 14. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE Association held its twenty-third annual meeting in Chicago at the New-Church house of worship, East Van Buren Street, on Friday, June 20, occupying the entire day. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, a good number of earnest Sabbath-School workers assembled at the opening hour, and the attendance steadily increased as the day went on. Sixty-seven schools had responded to the call of the Secretary, several of which had been recently organized. The reports of the several committees indicated practical and progressive work in the direction of providing needed helps for the teachers and pupils of the schools. The addresses given and the papers presented were valuable and suggestive, the discussions prompt and animated, and in all that was said and done a desire to learn and adopt the very best ways for increasing the genuine efficiency of the schools was plainly manifest. Altogether the meeting seemed to be one of the very best the Association has ever held.

In view of the need of increased means, if the Association is to assume the cost of preparing the valuable lesson helps published weekly in the *Messenger*, it was voted to ask the Convention to allow the usual collection in its behalf to be taken on Sunday evening.

T. F. WRIGHT, *President*.

W. H. MAYHEW, *Secretary*.

Reports of Associations and Societies.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Berlin	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	220
Wellesley	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	60
Toronto	Rev. G. L. Allbutt	98
Parkdale	Rev. E. S. Hyatt	13
Montreal	Rev. Edwin Gould	6
Hamilton	Rev. J. E. Bowers	9
Total		406

THE General Pastor is the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Ont. The pastor of the Berlin Society has, as heretofore, divided his labor between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies ; three Sundays out of four were given to the Berlin and the fourth Sunday to the Wellesley Society. The morning Divine worship in Berlin was alternately held one Sunday in the English and the other Sunday in the German language, while the evening services were all held in German.

On those Sundays when the pastor was in Wellesley, the service in Berlin was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Waelchli, the head master of the Berlin New-Church Day-School. Besides the pastoral work, Mr. Tuerk teaches a class in the Society school twice a week, and edits a German periodical, called the *Neukirchenblatt*, published by the German New-Church Mission Union, and issued monthly.

In Berlin the pastor has solemnized three marriages ; baptized four adult persons and twenty-one children ; administered the Holy Supper every three months ; and officiated at four funerals, all of which were adults.

The school of the Berlin Society has been making steady progress during the year. The children have advanced in their knowledge of the Word of the Lord, both in its internal sense and in its literal sense ; the imparting of this knowledge, in order that the children may thereby be led into the life of heaven, is the chief end and object of this school, although it is the endeavor to instruct them, as far as possible, in all things that will serve to make

them useful men and women. Realizing that the work of the school is more than two teachers can well do, the Society has engaged the services of a third graduated teacher, who will enter into the work next September.

The Wellesley Society is in about the same condition as last year.

The Toronto Society has increased its membership by ten since last year. The meetings for worship and instruction have been well attended, and there is every reason for thankfulness. The pastor, Rev. G. L. Allbutt, has baptized twelve children and seven adults, and has officiated at six marriages. The Society at a recent meeting decided upon opening a building fund, and it is probable that a new house of worship, which shall worthily represent the New Church in that city, will be provided. Mr. T. M. Martin who was authorized to preach and lecture, at the last annual meeting of the Canada Association, has done some useful missionary work in the city under the pastor's supervision. He has given seven Sunday morning lectures in the west end, and has delivered eight week evening lectures. The pastor says that Mr. Martin's efforts are deserving of all encouragement. The energetic and earnest labors of our colporteur, Mr. J. Kelly, still continue to bear good fruit. All institutions there may be reported as in a healthy condition.

In the Parkdale Society the work has been going on steadily. The attendance at the Sunday services has been somewhat larger, and the interest shown in the doctrinal classes has grown. At the Wednesday evening class they have, during the past year, studied *The Doctrine of Charity*, *The Doctrine of the Lord*, and *The Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture*, on which latter they are still engaged. In January, they began a class for the study of the Latin of the Writings. Considerable progress in the ability to read the Writings in their original language has been made by those who have attended. In this class they have been reading the *Apocalypsis Explicata*.

Beginning from January the Society undertook to provide the whole of their pastor's salary, and from that date the Rev. Mr. Hyatt discontinued his weekly visits to Hamilton, and has since devoted himself to work in Parkdale and immediate neighborhood, endeavoring to teach a few interested in the doctrines in West Toronto Junction, which is within three miles from Parkdale.

The Montreal Society has received the addition of one family — consisting of two adults and one child — to the number of its regular attendants during the past year. Their reading class has been suspended owing to non-attendance.

The Hamilton Society is visited from time to time by the Rev. J. E. Bowers, who preaches and lectures there, and administers the sacraments to them. The rest of his time Mr. Bowers devotes, as heretofore, to missionary work for the Canada Association, paying visits to the isolated receivers in the old places in Ontario, and several new ones — preaching and lecturing in many of these places, administering the sacraments, and selling books.

The Canada Association gratefully acknowledges among its contributions, the receipt of one hundred dollars from the General Convention, which has greatly helped us in the missionary work.

All of which is respectfully reported.

F. W. TUERK, *President.*

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Peoria	Rev. S. C. Eby	30
Canton	Rev. S. C. Eby	27
Chicago	Rev. L. P. Mercer	263
Henry	Rev. S. C. Eby	29
Batavia	Joseph Burton, <i>Leader</i>	14
Wilmington	Charles Luther, <i>Leader</i>	12
Jefferson, Wis.	George Copeland, <i>Leader</i>	14
La Porte, Ind.	Rev. T. F. Houts	54
St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. F. L. Higgins	30
Olney	Rev. L. G. Landenberger	52
Hutton	J. S. Sargent, <i>Leader</i>	15
	Individual Members	60
Total		600

IN addition to the above ministers six others report to the Association, namely, the Rev. Messrs. Stephen Wood, J. J. Lehnen, J. H. Ragatz, A. J. Bartels, Gerhard Busmann, and Jacob Kimm.

The Rev. Stephen Wood continues his useful work in Iowa, visiting regularly the circles of receivers in that State, instructing and encouraging the members, and administering the sacraments. Under the auspices of the Board of Missions, Mr. Wood was able

to visit Texas again during the past year. The Rev. J. J. Lehnen continues to preach, visit, and administer the sacraments to the Germans in Iowa. A General Society of the New Church in Iowa was organized in August last with the Rev. Stephen Wood as president and Rev. Jacob Kimm as secretary, which covers a field, the work in which has heretofore been reported to this Association by these ministers. The Rev. A. J. Bartels is preaching to a society of Germans in Chicago not in connection with the Association. The Rev. Gerhard Busmann is pastor of a flourishing German society in St. Louis, not in connection with the Association. The Rev. S. C. Eby has been actively engaged in the work of the Central District, and the churches at Peoria, Henry, and Canton continue to prosper under his labors.

The Chicago Society has gone forward with its work under some discouragement, but with a recent increase in the attendance at public worship, and with a larger, more mature, and better prepared confirmation class at Easter than usual. The class numbered seventeen. The temple has been thoroughly renovated, the working committees more thoroughly organized, and a hopeful feeling with regard to the future prevails. The Englewood mission has maintained lay services during the year with a gradual increase in attendance, and good interest on the part of all engaged in it.

The Society in Wilmington is without regular services, but it is hoped they may be resumed in connection with the work in Joliet, for which the late Martin C. Bissell made provision in his will. A proper minister having now been secured, we may hope in time to establish an active circuit embracing Joliet, Wilmington, Pontiac, Odell, and Batavia.

The Jefferson, Wis., Society has been somewhat crippled by the death and removal of its members, but has still been able to provide for the quarterly communion which it has always so properly valued.

The La Porte Society has enjoyed this year the pastoral service of the Rev. T. F. Houts, who resigned his relation as pastor of the Olney Society, and moved to La Porte last September. His presence there has been to the Society as an encouragement and earnest of new and useful activity.

The Society at Olney continues prosperous, though regretting the separation from their pastor who was endeared to them by so many tender experiences. The Divine Providence returned to them

last summer the man whom they sent among their earliest converts to the Theological School, Rev. L. G. Landenberger, who has filled their pulpit very acceptably during the year. The earnest and faithful efforts of the Society in the purchase, remodelling, and furnishing of their church property, with small help from abroad, is evidence of their self-denial and zeal. It is with some regret that their ministerial relations are again disturbed by the removal of the Rev. L. G. Landenberger to Joliet to take charge of the mission there, under the provisions of the will of the late M. C. Bissell; but it is hoped they may soon find again a suitable minister, and realize as in the past the peculiar care of Divine Providence.

In closing this report it seems proper to refer to the removal from this world of Jonathan Young Scammon, who departed this life at Fernwood Villa in Hyde Park, in the city of Chicago, on the morning of March 17, 1890 — the last to pass into the spiritual world of the original founders of this Association. For fifty years he served on the Executive Committee of the Association, actively participating in all its history, and scarcely less prominent in the General Convention. At the request of the Executive Committee, and in behalf of the Association, this mention is made in witness of our appreciation of his devotion to the cause of the Church, and his application of time, talents, and means to the promotion of its uses.

Respectfully submitted.

L. P. MERCER,
President and Superintendent.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bath	Rev. S. F. Dike	60
Fryeburgh	Rev. B. N. Stone	69
Gardiner . . . . .	. . . . .	3
Portland	Percy Billings	129
Total		261

THE Gardiner Society held their usual religious services in the Universalist Church, during the minister's summer vacation—about the same number of services with quite the usual number in attendance.

In Portland, Rev. H. C. Dunham tendered his resignation in September last, and removed to Denver, Col., to become pastor of the Society there. Rev. Mr. Hayden filled the vacancy, with some assistance from the Theological students till May 1890. The Society then tendered a call to Mr. Percy Billings of the graduating class of the Theological School at Cambridge, and he has accepted the call and will enter forthwith upon his duties. Mr. Billings is from London, Eng. No essential change is reported in the condition and prospects of the Portland Society.

No mention has been made of the Society in Bangor, for the last surviving male member of that Society, Mr. I. S. Whitman, departed this life the past year.

In Fryeburgh the Society has had an uneventful year but with a good measure of quiet prosperity, blessing, and growth in spiritual things. The body of people seems to be less subject to changes, removals, and losses, than most other societies in the New Church.

In Bath we have the loss of four members by death—some prominent members, as Mr. J. B. Swanton—and two removals, which has not been met by corresponding additions. The pastor tendered his resignation nearly a year ago to take effect July 1, or the first Sabbath in July, which will close his long pastorate here of fifty years. It was the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in Bath on the 13th of June, having been ordained in Philadelphia at the Convention on the 7th of June, Rev. Thos. Worcester officiating. Here he has been in charge of the Bath Society from that time till the present, and closes his work here on the 6th of July. Mr. Arthur Sewall, a prominent member of the Church and congregation, has very kindly offered to give him the benefit and enjoyment of a journey around the world. He is now expecting to start early in August, and stop a while in Japan and spend the most of the winter in India, to return by way of Egypt, Palestine, and England in the Spring.

Little or no missionary work has been done in Maine the last year, save in the immediate neighborhoods of the Societies. The usual summer services will be held the coming summer in Gardiner. Some work may be done in other places by a colporteur. But our losses by death and removal to other states are so constant in Maine, that little more can be done beyond the support of the three Societies for the present. The Maine Association has a

small fund, the income of which may soon be devoted to colportage and missionary work in the State. A general missionary for New England is much needed now, and if a suitable man can be found he would be able to do efficient service at our colleges and institutions of learning, as well as in the larger and smaller towns and villages.

S. F. DIKE, *President.*

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Washington, D. C. . . .	Rev. Frank Sewall	97
Wilmington, Del. . . .	Rev. Philip B. Cabell	66
Baltimore, Md. (First Ger.)	Rev. Peter J. Faber	86
Easton, Md.	Rev. William M. McIntosh	14
Preston, Md.	Rev. John E. Smith	20
Individual members		24
Total		307

IN addition to the above named there are three other ministers belonging to the Association, namely, Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastor, at present in Europe; Rev. John W. Hunt, not regularly officiating; and Rev. Thomas A. King, pastor of the Baltimore (English) Society, which is not connected with the Association.

The Washington Society is in a state of enterprising activity; since the destruction of its temple by fire it has girded itself for larger and better uses.

Public worship is now held in the Hall of the National University Law School.

The Rev. Frank Sewall, its newly elected pastor, entered upon his duties in November last, and the affairs of the Society, both spiritual and temporal, are being efficiently promoted with the assistance of various auxiliary bodies organized within its midst, which seek to make of every member a useful helper in the Church. Special allusion will be made later on to the paramount use which is engaging the attention of the Washington Society.

In the Wilmington Society a great change has transpired during the past year.

Its well-loved pastor, the Rev. James B. Parmelee, in obedience

to what seemed clearly the call of Providence, resigned his pastoral office to enter the missionary field of the New-York Association.

The attachments between him and the Association, and particularly the Society, had become especially strong during the eleven years in which he held membership with us, so that the sundering of the pastoral relation proved a severe trial to all, but, unwilling to hinder a larger use to the Church, his resignation was accepted in September last.

Public worship however was continued, led by laymen, with occasional ministerial services, and in the meanwhile efforts were made to secure a new pastor.

In March last the Society was fortunate in obtaining the services of the Rev. Philip B. Cabell of Cleveland, Ohio, whose acceptable ministrations have greatly encouraged the Society, and, it is believed, will lead to a considerable quickening of its Church uses.

The Baltimore German Society under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Peter J. Faber, has maintained regular worship throughout the year and sought actively to promote the social life of the congregation.

The Association held its last meeting in its temple, and the reception which the Society tendered on that occasion displayed the eagerness of its members to render the meeting helpful and pleasant.

A much desired closer bond of sympathy between them and the English speaking brethren has been established which will doubtless prove mutually beneficial.

Among its several auxiliary societies is one combining the art of dressmaking with instruction in New-Church doctrines, which has been productive of useful and happy results.

The Easton Society, Rev. William M. McIntosh pastor, holds bi-weekly meetings for worship which are well attended by its members; while there are no external signs of progress it is believed that there is a silent working in the surrounding community which is opening the minds of some to a consideration of the Heavenly Doctrines; there has been some quiet reading and distribution of New-Church literature, and some inquiry for the gift book, *Divine Love and Wisdom*, to which the attention of a number of teachers had been called.

The work of the Preston Society goes steadily forward under

the tireless energy of the Rev. John E. Smith, who supplies not only Preston, but rides the circuit of many miles of adjoining country, preaching at Denton, Williamsburgh, and Tuckahoe Neck.

The most noteworthy event in the history of the Preston Society last year, was the erection and dedication of a house of worship, being the first New-Church temple on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the possession of which is a source of strength and joy to our friends in that locality.

A marked improvement in attendance and interest followed the completion of the temple, and much of the prejudice against the New Church, amounting in some instances to proscription of its members, we are glad to say, is now subsiding.

The Society is thankful for the help bestowed by the Convention in the use of the Building Fund under its control, which, it is confidently hoped, may be seed sown bringing forth "an hundred fold."

The whitening harvest in other quarters of our territory bids the reaper to the in-gathering; Richmond, Virginia, sends up a promise of coöperation with the missionary. In other parts of the State and in Western Maryland, are fields preparing for the sower, all calling for more earnest work on the part of those possessing the precious seed of New-Church truth.

The lecture mission recently organized and carried on by the Rev. Thomas A. King, and the young men of the Baltimore English Society, has been fully reported in the *Messenger*. It is here mentioned to emphasize the fact that the minds of the people are rapidly opening into a state of reception of the Heavenly Doctrines; and to earnestly enjoin the duty resting upon us as New-Churchmen to prepare a way for their entrance into the New Jerusalem by going out to meet them with the blessed truths which we possess.

Mention should be made of the fact that at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association held March 25, 1890, the application of Albert John Cleare for ordination into the ministry of the New Church was duly considered and his ordination recommended.

And now, in conclusion, we would commend to the favorable consideration of every friend of the New Church the project for a National New-Church Temple at Washington, the importance of which can hardly be overestimated.

Christians of various denominations throughout the United States, realizing that the Capital of the Nation is rapidly growing as a social, educational, and religious centre, have each combined their several energies in the establishment of a Metropolitan Church where their distinctive faith may be proclaimed.

At the Capital all States and nations, as it were, flow together, and through their representatives and the pilgrimages of their citizens, influences and ideas are impressed one upon another and carried near and far throughout the country.

To avail of this far-reaching influence, and recognizing its power, the Catholics have already founded a University there, and the Methodists are actively engaged in raising funds to plant a great seat of learning.

The wisdom then of building a National New-Church Temple at the Capital City, commensurate with the growing needs of the Church cannot be doubted.

Such a temple would be a holy house and a pleasant home for visiting New-Churchmen from every State and clime, welcoming them and safe-guarding them with the heavenly influences of the New Jerusalem.

Washington needs to have the New-Church torch brightly shining in its midst to render still more radiant its growing beauty.

The devoted band of New-Church men and women of the Washington Society who have so bravely struggled through the difficulties of the past and upheld in faithfulness the light and life of the New Church, are worthy to bear the beacon of the New Dispensation in our Nation's Capital.

They are of good courage for the work. It has been wisely begun ; and, further strengthened, as they will be, by the able Committee of the Convention and by the members of the Church at large, there shall soon rise upon the attractive site already procured, a beautiful temple which shall most truly represent the Nation's brotherhood of New-Churchmen.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. E. SPAMER, *Rec. Secretary.*

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, MINISTER, OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Abington	Rev. J. E. Werren, <i>Pastor</i>	73
Boston	Rev. James Reed, <i>Pastor</i>	623
Boston Highlands	Rev. J. K. Smyth, <i>Pastor</i>	186
Bridgewater		131
Brockton	Rev. H. E. Goddard, <i>Pastor</i>	92
Brookline	Rev. W. H. Hinkley, <i>Pastor</i>	56
Dorchester	Rev. J. K. Smyth, <i>Minister</i>	23
East Bridgewater	Rev. T. O. Paine, <i>Pastor</i>	54
Fall River	Rev. G. S. Wheeler, <i>Minister</i>	50
Lancaster	Rev. G. I. Ward, <i>Minister</i>	40
Lynn	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	24
Manchester, N. H.	Carl Roth, <i>Leader</i>	49
Mansfield	Rev. G. F. Stearns, <i>Minister</i>	29
Newtonville	Rev. John Worcester, <i>Pastor</i>	73
Pawtucket, R. I.		19
Providence, R. I.	Rev. H. C. Hay, <i>Minister</i>	104
Salem	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	22
Springfield	Rev. S. Jepson, <i>Minister</i>	17
Waltham	Benjamin Worcester, <i>Leader</i>	44
Yarmouth		31
Total		1,740

IN the above list we have not included three small societies which are not in active life. Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor, has been in feeble health since the winter epidemic, but was able to be present at the session of the Association in April and to make an address as usual. In addition to Mr. Pettee, and the ministers shown by the above list to be in charge of churches, Rev. S. H. Worcester, residing at Bridgewater, continues to be engaged upon the new Latin edition of the doctrines. Rev. S. M. Warren, of Boston, is at work upon the Rotch edition. Rev. T. F. Wright has been transferred, after twenty-one years' service at Bridgewater, to Cambridge, as resident professor of the Theological School, and minister of the people who worship in its chapel, but have not yet been organized as a Society. Rev. H. W. Wright does not preach, but has done some work on the Rotch edition. Rev. Warren Goddard is at Brockton in legal work. Rev. Richard Ward has been obliged on account of deafness to give up his work to his son. Rev. John A. Hayes labors as a missionary in several places. Mr. Louis Rich has preached under a license at Bridgewater. It is understood that Rev. W. H. Mayhew will return to us and re-

sume the charge of the Yarmouth Society, and that Rev. Mr. Wheeler will become pastor of the Bridgewater Society in July. Messrs. Percy Billings and Junius B. Speirs have been ordained, the one to labor at Portland, the other in the South.

Two of our ministers have entered the other world, Rev. Warren Goddard and Rev. John Westall. These men — the one as pastor at North Bridgewater, now Brockton, the other at Fall River — made most honorable records, and left names revered by the entire communities in which they had lived.

One new Society — that at Lynn — has been added. It was gradually collected by the labors of several ministers who held meetings Sunday afternoons, and at other times, and was instituted Oct. 6, 1889, with twenty-four members.

The removal of the Theological School of the Convention to Cambridge, was met on the part of those of our people who resided in that city with a desire to coöperate in every way in giving the school a firm footing, and in making Harvard University a place where New-Church young men at a distance from home might find a place of worship near the college grounds. These persons, who were nearly all connected with the Boston Society, were not only encouraged by it to attempt to form a new Society, but were furnished with pecuniary aid. Since September, services have been conducted in the chapel of the school every Sunday at half-past ten and four, with a Sunday-school at noon. The attendance has been gratifying, and so much interest has already been developed that it is hoped at no distant day to have a suitable chapel erected on the ample grounds of the school. Any aid for this purpose will be gratefully received.

The missionary work which has been done in our field has occupied the whole time of Mr. Pettee, so far as his health has permitted; the whole time of Mr. Hayes, except for three months, when he was at work in Savannah, Ga., during which period his place was supplied by Mr. Percy Billings; and the week-day time of Mr. Stearns. In addition to this Rev. Messrs. Reed, Wright, and Smyth prepared a connected course of six lectures, and gave it in Boston, Roxbury, Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Lynn, Malden, Fitchburg, Manchester, N. H., and Middletown, Conn. Other ministers also did extra work. There are several reading circles which hold meetings when visited by Mr. Stearns. We feel that as much has been done for church extension, the past year, as in any one year, and we hope to do at least as much the

next year. We have been for some years in the habit of employing a student through the summer to visit scattered persons and do all that could be done for the cause in their places of residence. To this mention of our missionary meetings should be added an acknowledgment of the benefit received from the use of the abridged Liturgy.

The ministers meet monthly for consideration of subjects on which papers are prepared, and much benefit is felt to be received from these conferences.

Our financial organization, the Union, reports invested funds amounting to \$170,000 ; and it has expended during the year over \$9,000, of which some \$5,000 was for missionary work. There is reason to believe that another building, less close to a noisy street, would be found desirable, and efforts are making to secure such a place. The work of our printing-office increases, and, except for some loss upon the periodicals, published at a price below their cost, the result is highly satisfactory. During the last year, the sales of books amounted to a little more than \$3,000, and 456 persons, of whom 119 were new-comers, used the loan library. Some idea of the usefulness of the Rooms to our Societies may be gained from the fact that 225 meetings of committees or classes were held there. The fund for the relief of ministers and their families now amounts to \$13,000.

The Association, this year, elected only a portion of its delegation, reducing the number in order to be able to pay the expenses of its representatives.

The Waltham New-Church School continues to do a good work for the children in its care, and has had more than its average number of boarding pupils. It is the intention of the New-Church Institute of Education, the corporation that owns the school, to make extensive repairs and improvements in the buildings and outfit during the coming summer, and to strengthen and improve the school in other ways. Mr. Benjamin Worcester will continue to be the principal, and to be a pastor to the children. Mr. Asa E. Goddard, who is a capable teacher of much experience, as well as a thorough New-Churchman, has been invited to take the place of first assistant ; and no pains will be spared to give the school a high place among the good schools of the land, and to fit it to perform a larger use to the Church than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee of the Association.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, LEADERS, OR SECRETARY.	NO. MEMBERS.
Detroit	Rev. A. F. Frost, <i>Pastor</i>	84
Almont	J. R. Hamilton, <i>Secretary</i>	26
Ypsilanti	John W. Spoor, <i>Leader</i>	12
Grand Rapids	Rev. G. H. Dole, <i>Pastor</i>	20
Springdale	B. J. Stanley, <i>Leader</i>	20
Leland	Rev. G. N. Smith, <i>Minister</i>	15
Total		177
Isolated members and receivers, about		200

At the last annual meeting of the Michigan Association, it was decided to employ the Rev. G. N. Smith as missionary for the entire year. A committee, consisting of five members, 'was appointed by the Board of Missions to collect funds for the support of the work. With the generous aid received from the Board of Missions of the General Convention, for which we desire to express thanks, the Association has thus far been enabled to keep Mr. Smith in the field, and the Board is hopeful that the necessary means will be provided for the whole year.

The Rev. J. E. Bowers, working independently, has made several missionary tours in the State.

Mr. G. H. Dole, at the request of the Grand-Rapids Society, applied for ordination into the ministry. The application was granted, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Goddard. The Society already shows signs of renewed strength under the ministrations of Mr. Dole.

Since our last report a Society consisting of fifteen members has been organized at Leland, and admitted to membership in the Association. A constitution was adopted having for articles of faith the three essentials of the Church. (D. P. 259.) The Rev. G. N. Smith was chosen president, and B. N. Pickard, secretary of the organization.

The Detroit Society held a series of mission services during the winter. These services were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Frost, Goddard, Mercer, Cabell, Dole, and Daniels.

J. R. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

WITHIN our Association the work of the Church has been going on as usual, and with hopeful results.

In Minneapolis (Rev. Joseph S. David, pastor), the average attendance at morning worship has been forty ; and at fourteen Sunday evening "Talks," thirty-four. Sunday school has been regularly maintained, and the Holy Supper administered quarterly. Baptisms, four ; new members received, seven ; present membership, forty-five.

In Saint Paul (Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, pastor), the average attendance at morning worship has been fifty ; at twenty-nine Sunday evening lectures, forty ; at Sunday school, thirty ; and at the Holy Supper, twenty-seven. Baptism, one ; weddings, three, and funerals, two. Present membership of Society, forty, of whom fifteen reside too far distant to attend the church services.

"The Young People's Society" has held meetings on alternate Wednesday evenings. Half of the meetings have been devoted to instruction in Correspondences, by the pastor, and half to social exercises. Christmas was celebrated, as usual, with a "tree" for the Sunday school.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at Saint Paul, Oct. 11, 1889. There were the usual business session, and worship, and a social meeting in the evening. Forty persons attended the church, and fifty attended the social meeting.

During the year, Rev. J. S. David, as missionary of the Association, has given seventeen lectures, as follows : at Granite Falls, seven ; at Edina Mills, three ; at Windom, four ; at Duluth, one ; and at Lakeside, two. These lectures have been well received, and a hopeful interest aroused, especially at Granite Falls.

EDWARD C. MITCHELL, *President.*

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	Rev. S. S. Seward, <i>Pastor</i>	213
Brooklyn	Rev. J. C. Ager, <i>Pastor</i>	162
Hoboken	Mr. E. Ferrett, <i>Leader</i>	8
Orange	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	68
Newark	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	36
Mount Vernon	Rev. Oliver Dyer, <i>Pastor</i>	
New York (German)	Rev. W. H. Schliffer, <i>Pastor</i>	30
Mystic	Rev. J. A. Lamb, <i>Pastor</i>	27
Paterson	Rev. B. D. Palmer, <i>Pastor</i>	38
Riverhead		18
Brooklyn (German)	Rev. William Diehl, <i>Pastor</i>	32
Newark (German)	Mr. J. C. Menschner, <i>Leader</i>	41
Hempstead		21
Total		694

THERE has been no change in the ministerial force of the Association since the last report, except that the Rev. G. M. Davidson has resigned the pastorate of the Riverhead Society, and the Rev. J. B. Parmelee has become the Missionary of the Association and taken up his residence among us.

This last event, the engagement of Mr. Parmelee, has been the most important that has happened during the year. With the exception of the increased activity growing out of this circumstance, there has been little to distinguish the season that is closing from others that have preceded it.

The New-York Society has pursued the same steady course as usual, with the exception of a course of lectures in the fall by Mr. Parmelee and others, which however were not as well attended as we could have wished; and the securing of more permanent quarters for carrying on their mission work by the Young-People's League connected with the Society.

The Brooklyn Society has manifested all its former enterprise, and availed itself largely of the presence of Mr. Parmelee for extending its missionary efforts in different parts of the city. Besides spring and fall courses in the church by the pastor, it has given courses in public halls in three districts of the city, one of which, begun in October, has been so successful as to have been maintained ever since. Another most interesting feature of the life of the Brooklyn Society has been the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the settlement of Mr. Ager as pastor. The

reception given to him and his wife on that occasion was one of great happiness to the Society, and called forth many expressions of sympathy and congratulation, not only from sister societies but from the clergyman of various denominations in Brooklyn.

The Orange Society has had an exceedingly prosperous year, as the large increase in its membership indicates. This Society, as well as the Newark Society, has had the benefit of the exchange course of lectures gotten up under the auspices of the Association, besides the valuable services of the pastor in the same direction. Paterson and Hempstead have taken advantage of Mr. Parmelee's presence, and with visible results. The German Societies belonging to the Association have given unmistakable signs of increased prosperity, and there seems to have been a forward movement all along the line.

Mr. Parmelee's services have been valuable. He has preached and lectured from two to five and six times a week since he has begun active work among us. Besides the course of lectures in the New York, Brooklyn, Orange, and Newark Societies, he has lectured in Paterson, Hempstead, Elizabeth, Riverhead, Syracuse, Albany, Seneca Falls, and other places. Reading circles have been established in Syracuse and Albany; others are contemplated at other places; and preparations are on foot for more active work in several of the large cities in the central parts of the State. Aid has been extended as heretofore to several of our smaller societies. Mr. Bastow has continued his colporteur work on Long Island, though not directly under the auspices of the Association. Mr. Palmer has also been engaged part of the time in the distribution of the Gift Books. A Manual of the New-York Association, to be published quarterly, has been established as a means of communication between the officers of the Association and the members.

At the last meeting of the Association the following was adopted:—

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association to the next General Convention be requested to obtain from the Convention its sanction to this Association's conferring the power to officiate at ordinations upon its present Presiding Minister during his continuance in office.

S. S. SEWARD, *Presiding Minister.*

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, MINISTERS, OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	Rev. John Goddard	251
Cleveland	M. G. Browne	68
East Rockport	M. G. Browne	40
Glendale	C. B. Chace	50
Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. D. Daniels	26
Napoleon	J. C. Saur	9
Newark		12
Pomeroy and Middleport	Rev. E. D. Daniels	40
Richmond, Ind.	Rev. H. H. Grant	12
Toledo	{ Rev. E. D. Daniels } { Thos. H. Woodruff }	35
Urbana	Rev. W. H. Mayhew	67
Total		610

THE Ohio Association has lost, or is about to lose, the services of several of its ministers. The Rev. H. C. Hay has left Cincinnati to take charge at Providence, R. I. The Rev. Philip B. Cabell has removed from Cleveland, and resigned the pastorate of the Cleveland and East Rockport Societies, to take charge at Wilmington, Del. The Rev. W. H. Mayhew is about to return to his old society in Yarmouth Port, Mass. The Cleveland, East Rockport, and Urbana Societies are thus left, or are soon to be left, without pastoral supervision. But we trust that the vacancies will soon be filled. The Rev. H. H. Grant has taken charge at Richmond, Ind. The Rev. E. D. Daniels has a circuit of several societies as the Association's Missionary. The Rev. E. A. Beam is still at work in connection with the Cincinnati Society, though less actively than formerly. The Rev. Theodore Edson, finding no call for his services, desires that his name may be stricken from the list of ministers.

The number of members reported appears smaller than last year, in consequence of our having dropped the Monroe County Society of sixty-seven members from our list, because of its failure to report for a number of years. It is understood that this Society receives visits from a minister of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and it may have suffered no real loss of membership. With this exception, our membership is somewhat larger than by last year's report. But we may look for a diminution, unless the vacant pastorates can soon be filled; and we may look

also for several of the smaller societies to go out of existence, unless our Association takes earnestly to heart the raising of an endowment fund, which shall enable us to sustain men in circuit work. As long as we persist in regarding the Church as a purely spiritual institution, and forget the fact that we are living in two worlds, each with laws of its own, we are likely to keep on recording the death of the smaller societies. We have a record in Ohio of between twenty and thirty of such society deaths, mostly since 1850, nearly all of which, doubtless, might have been kept alive, in spite of the lack of spiritual love, had we only recognized that the Church is both natural and spiritual.

These things are mentioned, that other New-Church bodies may profit by our sad experience; and that those who are able to do liberal things, and whose hearts stir them up, may be helped to realize that there are fields of genuine usefulness awaiting their bequests.

The Cincinnati Society has been obliged to give up its Avondale branch, in consequence of the removal of Mr. Hay, but still considerable outside work has been done in the suburbs. The engagement of Mr. Grant at Richmond has led to some encouraging results in the way of making known abroad what the New Church teaches. Mr. Daniels has done excellent service in the mission field.

Much is said about the need of abler men for the New-Church ministry. But we have the men who could do fair service by proclaiming publicly in every city and town in Ohio the New-Church doctrines, if we were able to say to them, "Go, and we will take care of you and your families."

The Urbana University has recently received a bequest of \$5,000, from the estate of Mrs. Mary Holroyd, of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Society has received \$1,000 from the same source.

The Urbana University reports a small increase in the number of students, the appointment of Mr. Charles B. Chace to the professorship of ancient languages, and some improvement in its financial condition.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GODDARD, *President.*

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Allentown		32
Frankford	Rev. J. W. MacPherson	71
First Philadelphia . .	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle; margin-right: 5px;">{</div> <div> Rev. Chauncey Giles Rev. Wm. L. Worcester, <i>Assistant</i> Rev. Wm. H. Alden, <i>Assistant</i> . </div> </div>	375
North Philadelphia . .	Rev. Louis H. Tafel	60
Vineland	Rev. Adolph Roeder	55
Total		593

THIS is the youngest Association at present represented in the General Convention. It was organized April 25, 1889, for the purpose of bringing together such Societies and individual members of the New Church in Pennsylvania and vicinity as may desire to unite in forming a closer, more vital, and helpful union for mutual assistance in performing the uses and living the life which a knowledge of the truths of the New Church enable mankind to do, and beyond the simple announcement of its formation and application for admission made to the Convention at the annual meeting one year ago, this is its first report to this body.

Almost immediately after its organization, this Association began its work for the more efficient propagation of our common faith in every proper and useful way, by the distribution of the literature of the Church, by missionary work, by correspondence with new receivers, by the maintenance of public worship, by providing for the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and by a systematic and frequent interchange of thought and affection between the general body and its members.

One of the first duties pressing upon it, and one that seemed of sufficient importance to call for immediate attention, was to devise some means by which the communication so auspiciously opened between the various Societies and individual members could be kept open and broadened by a generous and free interchange of ideas, plans, and methods of work, and made attractive by the presentation, at stated intervals, of intelligence from each Society and from individual members of their respective work, experience, and condition to the whole body of the Church within the limits of the Association.

This was most happily effected by the establishment and publication of a monthly manual — at a merely nominal cost per copy

— having a circulation throughout the bounds of the Association, and which, after a year of trial, has so fully met the end had in view, and has proved so useful in many ways in carrying forward the work of the Church, that it seems not too much to say its withdrawal from circulation would now be felt by the members of the Association as a most severe and painful loss.

A considerable amount of missionary work has been commenced and carried forward during the past year at Bethlehem, Allentown, Germantown, Philadelphia, and other places, and an effort made to extend a knowledge of our doctrines by means of the printed page to the remoter parts of the cities of Philadelphia and Camden by the employment of a most efficient colporteur. This part of our work is too new with us to warrant speaking as yet of results, further than to say we are sufficiently encouraged to go forward as we have begun.

The First Philadelphia Society report that services have been held in the church every Sunday during the year, except through the month of August. The Holy Supper has been administered five times, the attendance averaging from one hundred and fifty to two hundred communicants. There have been twenty-eight baptisms, sixteen confirmations, four marriages, and twenty-two funerals during the year. The increase in membership has been thirty-three; present membership three hundred and seventy-five; average attendance at morning service three hundred, and at evening service one hundred and fifty. Present membership of Sunday-school three hundred and six, with an average attendance of one hundred and eighty-five.

The year has been one of continued and united work in the Society — the result, we think, of excellent organization within our Society in the form of auxiliary bodies, representing all classes and ages among our membership. But little can be done without some kind of organized effort, in church societies as elsewhere, and hence we have encouraged and fostered such organization among ourselves.

First in importance is our Church Committee composed of nine of our older and more experienced male members who every week, during eight months of the year, meet with the pastor to consult with him on all matters relating to public worship and the spiritual welfare of the Society. This body of gentlemen take up not only those interests concerning our own Society, but consider ways and

means of extending a knowledge of the heavenly doctrines wherever there seems to be an opening for their dissemination in the ever-widening vineyard of the Lord. It was at one of the meetings of this Committee that the publication of the previous Sunday sermon was suggested for free distribution the following Sunday, as an experiment, out of which grew the publication of several large series of sermon tracts that found such extended and general use, and finally ripened into the establishment of *The Helper* — a little journal, now on the third year of its existence, with a weekly circulation of over 5,000 copies, in each number of which appears a sermon from a New-Church minister upon some subject interesting and instructive — sent out to thousands of readers, and exerting an influence where doubtless New-Church instruction would otherwise scarcely extend. We have reason to believe the good effected by this modest little medium, going so quietly and unostentatiously on its mission of help to every part of our own country, and into foreign lands, cannot be expressed in words or measured by figures.

Thus it will be seen our Church Committee wait not for work to come to them, but endeavor to keep on the alert to assist wherever there seems an opportunity or a call for active effort. It is in this spirit that our pastor has been so cheerfully spared from his pulpit to perform missionary work in Florida, Georgia, and Maryland, and his assistants for like service in Washington, Wilmington, Bethlehem, and other places.

Next in order is our Board of Trustees, composed of twelve gentlemen, who have in charge the temporal affairs of the Society — looking after its finances, the care of all its property, its supplies, and other wants of every kind on the secular plane.

Then follows the Ladies' Aid Association, composed as its name indicates of the ladies in our Society, who through their organization have been of most signal service in carrying forward a great variety of good work they have undertaken. They care for the sick and afflicted, and all who can be assisted by their visits and kindly attentions. It is to them and their efforts that we are indebted for the carpeting, cushioning, and interior furnishing of our house of worship, Sunday-school room, library, and book rooms, in the accomplishing of which they raised and most judiciously disbursed over ten thousand dollars.

They look to the keeping of the interior of our house of wor-

ship and Sunday-school buildings in order, the visiting of new members and distant ones, and in manifold ways take up and perform, in the most thorough manner, the duties that only earnest, good women can best do.

Our Young-People's League has been formed, during the past year, already numbering one hundred and forty members, and their work is divided into three distinct branches, each under the charge of an extensive committee.

The Church-Uses Committee attend to ushering strangers and others to seats at every service during the year, taking up the collections, to the distribution of tracts, etc. after service, the decoration of the church and Sunday-school rooms at Christmas and Easter, providing entertainments for the younger children, and much other like work in the Society.

The Helper Committee attend to the addressing, wrapping, and mailing of each weekly issue of between 5,000 and 6,000 copies of this useful publication, all of this work being done within the limits of our Sunday-school building.

The Sewing-school Committee attend to the care and instruction of a sewing-school of about one hundred young girls, gathered from among the poor classes in the neighborhood — teaching them orderly habits and moral instruction in addition to a knowledge of practical plain sewing.

Finally, our New-Church Book Association is an incorporated body, composed almost wholly of members of our Society, whose managers meet quarterly, and whose function it is to maintain the pleasant and inviting rooms in our Sunday-school building, where a full stock of New-Church literature is kept on sale, the business incident to the publication of *The Helper* is performed, the books, papers, and magazines belonging to our large circulating library are kept for ready and free access by all, and a kind of general Church headquarters for all kinds of information pertaining to Church affairs and for the meeting of friends, committees, and others is maintained.

The weekly meetings of our Church Committee, which have now been continued over eleven years, have been found so useful in promoting the best interests of the Society by their frequency and earnest interest, that our Society has recently taken the hint, and commenced the holding of monthly in place of quarterly meetings as hitherto. It is hoped by these more frequent gather-

ings together of our people, to still further cement our union as a Society, and by a judicious method provide for the transaction of such business as may be brought forward, and follow by the introduction of a short lecture, or by vocal and instrumental music, a tea meeting, or any of the many pleasant and useful means by which the cultivation of cheerful, social intercourse may be promoted, new members become better acquainted, and the whole Society advanced, consolidated, and confirmed in its uses as a spiritual mother.

The North Philadelphia Society report a prosperous year of activity. Divine worship and instruction in the Heavenly Doctrines have been faithfully attended with increasing interest. At its annual meeting in January the Society completed its organization and took the name of "The North Philadelphia Society of the New Jerusalem."

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Young-Folks' Club also perfected their organizations and entered on a fuller performance of their duties. A very creditable beginning of a Sunday-school library has also been made. Divine worship was conducted every Sunday excepting the months of July and August. The Holy Communion was administered six times within the last year in connection with the morning service, and four times in connection with the German evening service. The number of communicants in the morning and evening has together averaged forty.

The number of baptisms have been three; confirmations, five; marriages solemnized, one; present membership, sixty; average attendance at morning service, fifty-eight; and at the evening service, ten. Present membership of Sunday school, forty-five; and average attendance, thirty-two.

The Frankford Society report that worship has been held throughout the year, except during the month of August, and since the last of October services have been held both morning and evening. All the evening services have been devoted to lectures on special subjects. The general interest in all the functions of the Society is better than it has been for years. The attendance at the evening services has been good, and the interest more manifest than heretofore. A large part of the congregation has been composed of strangers not accustomed to worship with us. This we regard as an encouraging feature in the work of our Society. We feel greatly encouraged by the general interest existing

among the younger members of our Society and congregation in all the general work of the Church, all seeming eager to grasp an opportunity to be useful.

The Holy Supper has been celebrated regularly four times during the year, namely, the first Sunday of January, April, July, and October. The number of communicants has averaged about thirty-five.

The missionary work of the Society has been confined mostly within our own limits, and has consisted in the distribution of tracts, manuals, and the literature of the Church, special attention having been given to strangers attending our services and to other persons who have manifested interest in the New Church though not worshipping with us. Our Sunday-school library is in very good condition, consisting of fifteen hundred volumes, embracing the general literature of the New Church, biographies, histories, lexicons, works of fiction, works of reference, maps, charts, etc.

The Ladies' Aid Association is an efficient working body in our Society; its general usefulness is felt both within and without the Church. This Association meets weekly during seven months of the year. Their services are devoted to making up clothing for those within and without the Society, particular attention being paid to the wants of the poor and needy.

The Sunday-school Association is a body composed of members of the Society and of the Sunday school and of persons without the body of the Church, which meets regularly throughout the year on the second Sunday of every month to transact the business pertaining to the Sunday school in all its functions. It is composed mostly of young persons who take much interest in the work of the Sunday school.

In conclusion we are glad to say that all the functions connected with the general body of our Society are in a healthy condition, and the outlook for the future is very promising. During the past year the number of baptisms have been eight; confirmations, two; marriages, one; funerals, one. Our present membership is seventy-one; average attendance at morning service, fifty; evening service, seventy. Present membership of Sunday-school, one hundred and twenty with an average attendance of seventy-five.

The Vineland Society report that the past year has been a very profitable one both in spiritual growth and in external circumstances. Our Society has found much work, and has put all its

energies forth to the performance of that work. The change of relations, in that we have joined the new Pennsylvania Association, has had many and direct beneficial results, largely due in the first place to the diminution of the distance to the main working centre. We find that personal contact is invaluable in the furthering of uses and the actual work of the Church. The Society has been able to do much through the more direct contact with those who constitute the larger body. Thus among the suggestions made and adopted, one is a fair example: The Society here decided to adopt the suggestion made at the last meeting of the Association, and gave one of its Wednesday class nights for a monthly meeting on the plane of social life. The members have every reason to be satisfied with the adoption of this plan. During the year, also, the church edifice has undergone a series of much-needed repairs. The church has been entirely remodelled — both the interior and the exterior have been put in such shape that the appearance of the building is a very creditable one, leaving nothing to be desired.

As far as membership and attendance are concerned both have steadily increased. Seven friends joined the Society during the year, so that we now record a membership of fifty-five, while there are several others who look with much favor upon the life and doctrines of the New Church, but have not yet advanced to that point where they would identify themselves with us. The attendance is fairly large at all times, but sometimes is surprising considering the size of the town and the ample number of its churches. One thing has been especially pleasant to us, and that is that all signs seem to indicate a decided increase in popular interest and a decrease of popular prejudice. The prejudices of the village were at one time strong against us, but the tide of popular favor is turning toward us, as is shown in the fact that the twenty-five copies of *The Helper* for which our Society subscribe weekly, go rapidly after the morning service, and it is comparatively seldom there are any of them left for the evening service. We are told, also, that many of these *Helpers* change hands during the week and more readers are actually supplied than the number itself indicates. The Sunday school is increasing and the children are much interested in their lessons.

Our Wednesday evening classes in the science of correspondences are constantly increasing in interest and in attendance. We trust they are also increasing in true spiritual helpfulness.

The subjects taken up are illustrated on the blackboard by diagrams, and by other means when necessary.

Much interest centres about the work done in the German Book Depository here. Although begun in very limited space it has grown to such proportions that additional rooms have had to be used. The German New-Church literature has been brought more prominently before the general public, resulting in greatly increased circulation, and to some who carry much influence in the circles in which they move. It has spread into the Fatherland and largely among those engaged in teaching. One gentleman, Mr. Baehring, of Minfeld, Germany, has so far manifested his interest that he has called attention to Dr. Ellis's book, *Skepticism and Divine Revelation*, through one of the most influential school journals of Germany, and has since been writing for the *Bote Der Neuen Kirche* published here. The Writings have been sold in Germany to such an extent as to cause a perceptible increase in the German book trade for the New-Church literature published here, which is to us a very pleasant thought. German tract distribution has also increased, both through the mails and through colportage, which has been carried forward in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Minnesota, and in Saxony in Germany. There is also a rising demand for the New-Church literature in German, among the Mennonites in Kansas, Oregon, and Manitoba. Other work has also been undertaken, but not sufficiently developed to furnish data for report. Another year we may be able to give fuller reports, if the Lord is willing to have His work carried further in this way and according to these methods.

By these various means the Society in this place has seen very satisfactory results growing out of its work, and the members and friends look forward to the future with pleasant anticipations and with loving interest. During the year there have been five baptisms, seven marriages, and eleven funerals. Our present membership is fifty-five; average attendance at morning service, forty-five; evening service, seventy-eight. Present membership of Sunday school thirty-five, with average attendance of thirty-two.

The Allentown Society report that the Holy Supper was celebrated once during the year, and that worship has been held on an average once a month. The number of baptisms has been three, and funerals one. Present membership, thirty-two; average attendance, eighteen.

Our friends at Allegheny inform us that they have formed themselves into a Society under the name of "The Free New-Church Society of Allegheny and Pittsburgh," holding regular services every Sunday morning in Caledonia Hall, on Federal Street, Allegheny. They have also established a Sunday school. During the past year, they have had the pleasure of "listening to several able discourses by the Rev. L. H. Tafel, and to one by the Rev. Adolph Roeder — the Holy Supper being administered once by each of these ministers to about fifteen communicants." This Association has been able to be of some service to them, also, in other ways, and hopes the opportunities for further practical assistance may open to the ultimate benefit of both bodies.

Thus it will be seen that the present Pennsylvania Association starts upon its career under auspices that seem favorable and most encouraging. It has the privilege of bringing a number of Societies, most of them hitherto unconnected, into more direct and vital relations, through the Convention, with the great body of the Church. These Societies are composed of members imbued by the Heavenly Doctrines, and their lives testify to their devotion to the great truths of the New Age, that under Divine Providence are already exerting such a powerful and awakening influence throughout Christendom: It is the object of this report to show their numbers, their organization, and their methods in performing the responsible duties devolving upon them as New-Churchmen through the Divine command, "Freely as ye have received freely give."

Commending them to your fellowship as faithful co-workers in the Lord's New Church, this report is respectfully submitted.

The Pennsylvania Association extends a cordial invitation to the General Convention to accept its hospitality and hold the next annual meeting in the house of worship of the First Philadelphia Society, corner of Chestnut and Twenty-Second Streets.

RICHARD A. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

FIRST NEW-JERUSALEM SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco still holds the even tenor of its way. The pastor having had a protracted illness of several months, the morning services, except in a few instances, have been conducted by lay members of the church.

The Sabbath school and other work of the church has gone on regularly as usual. The pastor has now, however, sufficiently recovered to resume a portion of his duties, and everything, it is anticipated, will soon resume its usual activity.

JNO. DOUGHTY, *Pastor.*

DENVER, COLORADO, SOCIETY.

SINCE our last report to the Convention, some years ago, our little society has passed through varied and trying experiences. A majority of our members not being in sympathy either with the ecclesiastical ideas or personal methods of our late pastor, Rev. Richard De Charms, it became evident that some change was necessary to the life of the society.

Immediately after the annual meeting of the society in 1888, when the will of the members was ascertained by vote, and a change in the pastorate determined upon, it was found that the Rev. Richard De Charms, while in the employ of the society, had, for some length of time, been secretly circulating among his personal adherents a paper for their signatures, pledging withdrawal from the society, should he not be maintained as pastor.

After the action of the society, this well-worn paper was sent to Dr. B. A. Wheeler, as leader, and seventeen members thus withdrew and organized a society with Rev. Richard De Charms as pastor.

While among this number were none of the original members of the Denver Society, there were earnest and devoted workers whose loss was greatly regretted.

Although this reduced our numbers, it opened the way for increased activity on the part of others, and regular services were maintained, conducted by our leader, Dr. Wheeler, to whose untiring devotion, during the entire life of the Denver Society, its continued existence is largely due.

The Rev. Howard C. Dunham was with us during the month of July, 1889, and having accepted the invitation of the society to become its pastor, moved to Denver with his family in September of last year. Mr. Dunham came to us with the virtual understanding that the society was to proceed at once to the erection of a chapel, but, for various reasons, sufficient funds have not yet

been raised to warrant the beginning of the enterprise, which to many is a great disappointment, as we believe the time is ripe for pushing, in every way, the interests of the New Church in Denver.

Our city, now numbering about 150,000 and growing rapidly, is the leading city between the Missouri River and San Francisco. The dry, healthful climate and even temperature, combined with the beauty of its location are making Denver a great sanitarium to which people from all parts of the world are flocking. We are anxious to be able to offer to such of these as may come to us an attractive church home, which is an essential to the permanent growth of any society.

Since coming to Denver the Rev. H. C. Dunham has administered the sacrament of baptism to thirteen, received four adult members into the society, and officiated at one marriage and six funerals.

The Denver Society now has twenty-seven members. The average attendance at Sunday morning worship is about thirty, at communion about twenty, and at Sunday school sixteen.

MRS. R. G. SEYMOUR, *Secretary*.

SAVANNAH SOCIETY.

ACCORDING to custom we wish to make a concise report of our year's work. It has been the most important that New-Church people here have ever enjoyed, and we have accomplished considerable for so few.

We have erected a chapel at a cost of some \$2,800, on a lot we have been several years paying for. We now owe \$1,000 to the New-Church Institute of Education, due in four years, and \$300 besides. This chapel was dedicated by Rev. Chauncey Giles and Rev. J. E. Smith, Sunday Dec. 1, 1889. Last December our oldest lady member died, leaving us some \$9,000 in railroad stocks, worth in the market today about \$10,500. They pay an annual income of about \$650. We expect to come into possession of this the first of August next.

We have had some five months of consecutive preaching, Rev. C. Giles being with us from Dec. 1 to the 7th; Rev. J. E. Smith from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1; Rev. J. A. Hayes, from Feb. 1 to May 1. During that entire time we had morning and evening service Sun-

days, Reading Circle Tuesday evenings, and a lecture Thursday evenings. We held lay services last fall some two months before the dedication, and after Mr. Hayes left us we kept up lay services to June 1 inclusive. We usually take a vacation during the hot weather, and expect to hold regular services again about Oct. 1.

Our Thursday evening lectures have been fairly well attended; the smallest audience has been six, the largest forty-five, averaging seventeen. On Sunday morning our smallest attendance has been fifteen, our largest, forty, averaging twenty-five adults; in the evening, smallest, twenty, largest, one hundred, averaging fifty-one. The Reading Circle has been rather a failure, the most we have ever had out has been fifteen, the least three, averaging seven; towards the last there were only about four or five attending.

Our ladies are the most active part of our society, in fact have been its backbone for years. Their sewing society meets once a week, one of their number reads a tract, while the rest sew. Our Sunday school is successful, is well attended, interesting, and instructive. We enjoy the work and it seems as if this will be a most effective means of building up the church here. We got a large Christmas tree, and the children had a pleasant time Christmas Eve, at the house of Dr. Rich. They each received a present (through the efforts of our Ladies' Sewing Society), and seemed to enjoy the evening very much. On Easter we gave each of the children over ten years of age (twelve in all) a copy of the Testament and Psalms, neatly bound in morocco, and the rest of them an Easter card. We have four teachers and an average attendance of about twenty-two scholars. Each has the *Children's Messenger* every month, besides having the use of our small library. We follow the *Messenger* lessons every week. We have had several very pleasant social meetings and "Teas" at the houses of our members, and we hope next year to have more.

Dec. 11, 1889, one of our number, Miss Nina H. Bryan, was married to Mr. Joseph H. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Smith officiating. Dec. 20, 1889, one of the first ladies to join the movement here in 1845 died, Miss Elizabeth Church. Funeral from the chapel.

You will notice that within a month after our dedication we used our chapel for all the purposes pertaining to such an edifice. Mr.

Smith baptized two ladies and one gentleman, and administered the Holy Supper to eighteen of our members.

We have now some twenty-five resident members, and several who live in the country places near here, forty-two in all.

We enjoyed the instruction given by the missionaries very much. It was hard work for them to preach twice on Sundays, lecture Thursday evenings, and hold a Reading Circle on Tuesday; but we felt that we needed the instruction and that we should avail ourselves of the opportunity and get all we could, even if it did work the minister pretty hard. We certainly appreciated their work, although we should like to have seen more people in attendance.

This winter's work has given us all a much better understanding of the Bible and doctrines, and has set us to thinking in the right direction, the instruction has been thorough, and has been continued long enough so that we have a better foundation to build on; and it has not left us nine months to forget what little we could pick up in two or three months from lectures and sermons. We hope to make arrangements between now and fall for a permanent pastor. If we receive our legacy (which now seems certain), we can afford to pay a minister about \$500 for the first year and probably \$800 for the second. We hope if that will not secure the one we want, we can make arrangements with the Board of Missions to pay the balance of his salary, for we want to reach out and preach and teach the doctrines in some of our neighboring cities, where they have never been preached — Beaufort, S. C., Brunswick, Ga., perhaps Charleston and Atlanta, and several small places near us. We want the Board to pay part of his salary and have our pastor do missionary work in our immediate vicinity, say one Sunday and several week days in every month. In this way he could follow up the work and accomplish a great deal. Of course, just as soon as we were able to, we would expect to pay his entire salary. We think under this arrangement we could succeed much better in disseminating the truths of the New Church and perhaps build up a society here worthy of the name. We could make this a sort of centre for the South Atlantic coast for the distribution of books, tracts, etc. Heretofore we have paid the board of the missionaries while here and donated something toward their salaries, when we could, and the Board of Missions have paid their salaries.

We think we are on a good financial basis. Our church property is worth about \$8,000 with a mortgage of only \$1,000. We have an income subscribed among ourselves of over \$300 a year, outside of collections. Since Jan. 1, we have received in donations \$383.13, church collections \$94.35, Sunday-school collections \$6.54, in all \$484.02.

We are almost independent now, and if we can only persuade the Board of Missions to assist us some, we will soon be out of their way and able to help other struggling societies some. We want to thank our New-Church friends in different parts of the country for the kind assistance given to enable us to complete our chapel, and we sincerely trust that if any of our friends ever come near us they will call and make themselves acquainted, and give their isolated brethren a few words of cheer.

We have appointed a Delegate to your Convention, for we need the assistance and more active coöperation and association with other societies. We need your advice, encouragement, and support.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. RICH, *Secretary.*

T. S. HEYWARD, *President.*

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

THE Association has held its usual meetings, three in number, during the last year, with an average attendance of about fifty or sixty. We have enjoyed the ministrations of the Rev. Messrs. Pettee and Smyth — Mr. Smyth having administered the ordinance of baptism to three children and five adults. Our Middletown friends had four lectures delivered in May, by Rev. Messrs. Reed, Smyth, and Wright. They met with some opposition, which however seemed only to increase the interest, and they cannot fail to do great good. The Association has in the last five years distributed to the clergy in the United States and Canada, over nine thousand volumes of *The Science of Correspondences*, by Edward Madeley, and the demand is steadily on the increase, from ministers of all denominations, and others, very many of whom return sincere thanks, and say they have been much benefited by the perusal of the same.

We are informed in the Writings, by the scribe of the New Church, that the growth of the new dispensation on this earth is to come mainly through the clergy of the old Church, and by them to be transmitted to the laity. Now unless some of those who are in full faith in the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg on this point, take it in hand to instruct the clergy in the true doctrine of the Lord, in His second advent, by the distribution of such books as they can comprehend, wherein are shown the true inspiration and Divinity of the Word, how can we expect them to distinguish or detect falsities, as every heresy has had the Word of God quoted for its support, and the espousers of them all will continue so to do, with some seeming success, as long as the distinction between the genuine and apparent truths of revelation remains unattended to; this, therefore, is a subject which has commanded the serious consideration of our Association, and ought also of all who feel an interest in letting the light that is within us shine in the darkness, even though the darkness comprehend it not.

In Hartford we keep in constant circulation six copies each of *Our Children in the Other Life* and *Man as a Spiritual Being*, beside many of *The Helper*, and other tracts and papers. We have many calls for something to interpret special subjects; for instance, a lady teacher in the Unitarian Sunday school sent for something which would give her some light on the "Incarnation," that being the lesson for June 1. She obtained what she wished, and was much pleased.

We are not making a great gain in numbers, but we feel that the truth is taking root in all denominations. Our meetings are a source of great pleasure and benefit to us, and we are a very united and happy family, trying to live in love to the Lord and to the neighbor.

IONE A. P. SAWYER, *Cor. Secretary.*

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., General Pastor.

My report last year was sent from Rome, the seat of government of the Babylonian part of the old church, to the representatives of the New Jerusalem in America assembled in Washington, the seat of government of the new world. This year I write from Paris, the central city of worldly wisdom, social fashion, and sensual life of the old world, to the representatives of the New Church in America assembled in the central city of the new world that a few years ago was a small village upon the western borders of civilization, but now the third city as to numbers, and soon to be the first on the American continent. The possibility of all this is one of the external results of the Lord's Second Coming, the Last Judgment, and the descent of the New Jerusalem. My observation in Europe, for the last four years, has strongly impressed me with the idea that the New Church as a spiritual-natural institution will find its most rapid and orderly and permanent development in the new world.

On the continent of Europe have appeared a few marked individual cases of the reception of the Heavenly Doctrines — in Germany, a Tafel, in France, a Les Bois de Guy and Harlé, in Italy, a Scocia — who have done much in translating and publishing them to their countrymen, but with apparently very limited results. To appearance there is more freedom of thought and life or action on all planes, civil, moral, and spiritual, than existed a hundred years ago ; but if the present state of moral and spiritual life is an improvement upon past centuries, then the past was very far indeed below anything approaching a Christian standard.

In England the condition is an improvement, at least in point of numbers, of those who profess to be interested. This was to be expected. Swedenborg tells us that the English are in the centre of all Christians in the spiritual world. We might, therefore, expect them to receive more readily the new light. By the English are no doubt to be understood the English-speaking people. The northern half of the new world is peopled by those who

speak the English language — the large majority being emigrants from England and their descendants. And in the greater freedom which they enjoy, by removal from their old circumstances, more of them in proportion to their numbers would be likely to receive and use the new light. This may perhaps account for the wider spread and more free development of the New Church in North America than in England. But, alas, alas! there are very few comparatively who profess to acknowledge the Lord in His Second Coming, even in England and North America, while in South America, settled by emigration from continental Europe, we hear nothing whatever of the New Church. But my study and observation, the past four years since I have been abroad, confirms my faith in the statement in the Writings, that although at first the Doctrines are received by few, "preparation is being made for their reception by greater numbers." And this should encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands as a prophetic and still open revelation of the coming state of the Church.

Numbers are not necessarily an indication of quality. The few will be likely to see more clearly than the many. So the fewness of our numbers in comparison with the world around us need not depress. And so, even among ourselves, let not the few — the small minorities — who may at times see the Doctrines and matters of the Church in a light differing from the majority of their brethren, be at all discouraged, but let each one be honest before the Lord in studying the Writings, and in endeavoring to carry out in practical life his highest conceptions of their teachings. All such will be blessed of the Lord with still clearer light, for "he that doeth shall know."

Since I have been somewhat removed from the spheres of the organizations and parties in the Church, I have seen more clearly than when I was in the midst of them that there might be wisely made some improvement in spirit and method of work.

There are few things essential to salvation, and salvation itself is the only essential thing — the only thing for which we should strive. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." While many other things are important, nothing else is essential.

All who hold to and practise the three things essential to salvation are internally of the New Church and brethren. Let us more fully realize this, and while we regard our own views of the teachings as true, and work for their adoption and practice, let us not

allow differences of opinion in regard to them to interfere with our feelings of brotherhood and love for each other.

As to myself, personally, and my Church work for the past year, I have but little to say, for I have done little. Wherever I have been, whether in Italy, Switzerland, or France, I have held regular worship at our rooms upon the Sabbath, generally giving a discourse at which more or fewer — varying from one to ten or more — besides my own family were present. I have administered the Holy Supper upon two occasions — Christmas and Easter — when eight and ten were present.

Several young men here are becoming interested in the New Church, and are reading with much earnestness and appreciation of the importance of the Writings, and of the office of Swedenborg as a revelator. At our usual Sunday service in our parlor, this morning, one of them was baptized — a young man of much intelligence — an artist, a sculptor ; but whose mind is recently directed towards the ministry. His mother, a widow, and as well as her son, heretofore a devout Catholic, is also much and favorably interested. Others of the young men are thinking of being baptized before long, all of which is encouraging.

PARIS, June, 1890.

Report of Rev. Chauncey Giles, General Pastor.

SINCE the last meeting of the General Convention I have been actively engaged in the ordinary duties of a pastor. Besides these duties I dedicated a new house of worship at Preston, Md., Nov. 3, 1889. Dec. 3, I dedicated a new house of worship for the New-Church Society at Savannah, Ga., and also delivered several discourses. Dec. 9, I went to Jacksonville, Florida, and preached twice. March 26, 1890, I ordained Albert John Cleare in my house in the presence of the Church Committee of the First New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia and several brethren from the Frankford Society. The ordination was authorized by the Maryland Association and performed at its request.

Report of Rev. F. W. Tuerk, General Pastor.

ON June 30, 1889, with the sanction of the Canada Association I ordained the Rev. Edward S. Hyatt of Parkdale into the second degree of the Priesthood.

On July 1, 1889, on the recommendation of the Canada Association, I authorized Mr. Thomas Mower Martin, of Toronto, to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the church, to lecture, and officiate at funerals.

Report of Rev. Joseph Pettie, General Pastor.

APRIL 2, 1890, I extended for one year the license to preach of Benjamin Worcester.

June 14, 1890, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Association, I ordained John A. Hayes, Junius B. Spiers, and Percy Billings.

During the year past have preached forty-one times in nineteen different places; have administered the Holy Supper eighteen times in ten different places, and have baptized seven, confirmed eight, and attended four funerals; and have distributed to clergymen and students forty-seven volumes.

Report of Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor.

ON SEPT. 25, 1889, after a very careful investigation, I authorized Mr. G. W. Wiley, of Pine Bluff, Ark., formerly a Baptist minister, and a colored man, to perform the functions of an authorized New-Church preacher, for one year.

On Oct. 6, 1889, I ordained George Henry Dole into the pastoral degree of the ministry, and installed him as pastor of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Society.

On Jan. 10, 1890, I ordained Louis George Landenberger, and installed him as pastor of Olney (Ill.) Society.

On April 21, 1890, I renewed the authorization of Mr. Charles B. Chace for one year.

Report of Rev. James Fox, General Pastor.

As it will not be practicable for me to attend the Meeting of Convention this year, I comply with the rule requiring absent ministers to report.

I am at present engaged with the New-Church Society at Snodland, Kent, Eng.; but my residence is, and for most of the past Convention year has been, in London.

In August last I attended the Annual Meeting of the English Conference, as your Messenger, and found much pleasure and profit in observing the proceedings of that large and wise body of New-Churchmen. My account in the *Messenger* renders any further report from me unnecessary.

I have also visited thirty-one New-Church Societies in England and Scotland; delivering more than a hundred discourses, administering the sacraments, and officiating at marriage and funeral services. And I have been present at and participated in meetings of the Swedenborg Society, the New-Church Missionary and Tract Society, the New-Church Evidence Society, the Islington New-Church College, the New-Church Orphanage, and the New-Church Theological Institute, in London; and the Scottish New-Church Association, and the Scotch New-Church Evidence Society; and the New-Church Temperance Society; and also at several annual meetings of New-Church organizations of a more local character, at divers times and places; affording me quite unusual opportunities to become acquainted with the character, aims, and modes of work of our English brethren. And I have been delighted with the ardent love and earnest zeal for the church, united with excellent discretion, which prevail among them. And it has made me happy to find everywhere a feeling of cordial brotherhood for the church in America, and a lively interest in all its concerns. The English and Scotch New-Church people are hearty friends of the American. But I have written fully of all this in my annual report to the Maryland Association, and in letters to the *Messenger*.

For about three months I have been on the continent; during most of which time I conducted service on Sunday, in the house of the American Consul, at Wiesbaden.

It is my intention to remain in England till the meeting of Conference, and to return to the United States in the autumn.

Report of Rev. Gerhard Busmann.

SINCE the last Convention I have devoted my entire time to the First German Church at St. Louis, Mo., with the exception of two missionary trips—one to Quincy, Ill., and one to Fayetteville, Ark.—and a call to Wellsville, Mo., to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Erb.

I have preached every Sunday at 10 A. M., and superintended

our Sabbath School at 2 P. M., the average attendance of which is about one hundred and twenty-five scholars.

During the past year I have baptized ten and confirmed eight persons, officiated at three marriages and four funerals.

While in Quincy, Ill., I administered the Holy Supper to twenty-one communicants. I also administered it twice to my own congregation to an average of one hundred and one communicants.

Report of Rev. James E. Mills.

IN answer to your circular letter of April 28, I have to report that I am not connected with any Association. For the past year my ministerial work—if ministerial it can be called—has consisted principally in acting as a member of the Society in San Francisco to which Rev. Joseph Worcester ministers; in coöperating as representative of that Society with Rev. John Doughty of the other San Francisco Society in the effort to form an Association on the Pacific Coast; in preaching twice for Mr. Doughty during his illness; and in an effort by writing and speaking to bring the light of the New-Church doctrine of use to bear upon the economic subjects which are now enlisting the thought and sympathy of men throughout the Christian world.

Report of Rev. J. I. Herrick.

YOUR circular of April 28, came to hand by due course of mail.

In reply to it I would say I am a member of the New-Church Association of the State of Wisconsin, but it has not met for some years. I do not regard it as extinct, but as dormant. I, each year, hope it will revive, but my state of health prevents my trying to take any steps to revive it. I am in hope that after a while it will be revived. There are no contrariety of theories to be considered that would lead to division or prevent harmony.

Report of Rev. C. L. Carrière.

I HAVE the pleasure of reporting that I have thus far been actively engaged in the work of the church, serving the Second German Congregation of the New Church in St. Louis, as its pastor.

Since my last report, I have, with two exceptions, conducted Divine worship every Sabbath, superintended the Sabbath School, baptized forty-eight persons, confirmed eleven, administered the Holy Supper four times, officiated at sixteen marriages, and twelve funerals.

Report of Rev. G. Reiche.

SINCE the last annual session of the General Convention of the New Church, my time has been employed as follows :

According to agreement with the Topeka Society and the Board of Missions of the General Convention, I preached every Sunday for the named Society, with the exception of four Sundays during last summer's vacation, when the chapel of Topeka was closed, and also with the exception of two more Sundays, one in May of last year, and the other in April of the current year, when I administered the Lord's Supper to the small German New-Church Society at Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

Last winter I delivered a course of evening lectures in the City Library Hall of Topeka, which were well attended and well received. On last Easter Sunday I baptized in the Topeka chapel, six adults into the New Church. The Lord's Supper has been administered to the Topeka Society regularly every three months.

During my vacation of last summer I preached for the two small German New-Church Societies in Reno County and in Pawnee Rock, Barton County, Kansas, and also at Hazelton, Barber County, Kansas.

Of the two named German Societies only that at Pawnee Rock is in a prosperous condition ; it consists of about seventeen members, meets for worship every Sunday, when one of their number reads a sermon ; it also has an organized Sunday school. There I baptized during the last year nine of their children, and administered the Lord's Supper twice. These baptisms prove a great victory of New-Church truths over old errors, because the parents of those children were Mennonites, who had implanted in them by previous teachings an unreasonable hatred against the baptism of children. They had, to have their children baptized, not only to overcome their own previous errors, but also face the jeers and taunts of their previous church associates, by whom they are surrounded.

In Hazelton I baptized in last September one adult. At these

different places I delivered lectures and sermons during week days whenever convenient to the people in those localities to attend.

Summing up my ministerial acts during the past year, I baptized seven adults, nine children, administered the Lord's Supper six times, and officiated at two funerals.

Report of Rev. Geo. W. Chase.

THOUGH engaged in teaching, I have continually and systematically given and loaned New-Church literature, and have conversed much upon the doctrines with persons interested, both here (Columbus, Ga.), and at the Warm Springs. I have kept up our little Sunday school regularly. Also coöperated with Mr. Fox on his visit here.

A physician and his wife have become receivers.

Report of Rev. W. D. Hastings.

I AM seventy years old this year, and probably can never do anything more in the ministry, and so have no objection to having my name stricken from your roll of ministers. All that I have done for the Church has been voluntary and without compensation, and I wish I had strength to do more. It is now all I can do to take care of my family. I have an invalid son whose care has cost me a great deal, and will as long as he lives, unless his condition changes greatly. I am still a minister, in the great and Divine sense, above all worldly form and ceremony, as I was before ordained, but my duties have barred me from its earthly work. The humblest is the thing I aspire to do — the rest I leave to Him.

Report of Rev. S. H. Spencer.

I HAVE no official acts to report for the Convention year now closing. I am not connected with any Association.

Report of Rev. Richard De Charms.

As stated in my last report, I have resigned my pastoral connection with the Denver Society, with which I have been associated

for some years past, and am now officiating for a Society organized two years ago, and known as "The Denver Society, of the Lord's Advent." This latter Society is composed of members of the older Society who have withdrawn from it for the purpose of forming a new Society where, as they believe, under conditions of greater freedom, and more perfect unity and harmony, they may do what seems to them best conducive to the establishment of the New Church. This Society has maintained, under my pastoral charge regular services of worship and instruction, on each Lord's day morning, during the past year. I have administered the ordinance of Baptism to one infant, and administered the Holy Supper three times. There have been no deaths. I officiated at one marriage, and at the funeral of a person not a member of the Society. Social meetings of the Society have been held weekly, where subjects selected from week to week by those attending the meetings have been treated in the light of the Doctrines, in the form of familiar talks by the pastor. A weekly young-people's class has been regularly held by the pastor, and instruction given in the work on *Heaven and Hell*, in the form of question and answer, and written examinations at the end of each chapter. A pastor's class has also been held weekly for adults, where the work on *Conjugal Love* has been used as the text book. A Ladies' Society, meeting every two weeks, has performed valuable aid to the Society, principally in a financial way by sewing and other womanly work. The Society since its organization has succeeded in raising funds sufficient to purchase and pay for a lot, and to erect upon it a building which is serving the double use of a parsonage and place of worship. A Sunday school has been organized and conducted during the past year, and we hope in time to have a New-Church day school for the education of our children. We also have in view the erection of a chapel in front of the building now in use, dedicated and devoted to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Second Coming.

Report of Rev. D. H. Rains.

My impression is that I informed you last year that I no longer was engaged in the work of the ministry, and that I felt permanently out. But it seems you did not get it. I now reiterate. Please take my name from the list of ministers. Of course as a layman I am doing what I can for the cause.

Report of Rev. J. P. Smith.

I HAVE preached thus far every Sabbath of the year now closing, except during our summer vacation, at this place (Ridgedale, Tenn.), except a few Sabbaths, when I preached at Crossville, and King's Point. I have baptized three infants and three adults, and married three couples. We have a weekly meeting in our Society here at which I make a talk or lecture from notes. We have had three additions by baptisms, and three from other churches. The Society here will report to the General Convention as to its present condition and future prospect. I have felt for some time that another man could do more effective work here than myself and so wrote you some time since. A few weeks ago, I offered my resignation to the Society, conditioned upon their acceptance of it. A committee was appointed to confer with the Society and with each other, and report the following Sabbath. The Committee were unanimous in their refusal to accept my resignation, and their report was in like manner accepted by vote of the Society. And they agreed to do all they could to pay more than they had yet done towards my salary the coming year. What the result will be is yet to be seen.

I am still of the opinion that another, more active, more vigorous man, would do more effective work than I can possibly do. But the voice of the Society must be to me the voice of the Lord, and if I can get a support I will continue my work with them.

This is a very important point, and should be well manned. The good results that I have sought for and worked for are, not yet at least, apparent. The general New-Church work of the South, it seems to me, is badly organized, and what we need, and must have, if we would ever prosper, is thorough organization. There are quite a large number of New-Church people throughout the South, but they are scattered and hence weak. It is always true, "United, we stand, divided, we fall." In disorganization there is weakness and death, in organization there is strength and there is life.

The General Convention should take the whole South, or so much of it as is not now included in existing Associations, under her protection and care, and should appoint, as General Pastor, a man suited by experience and otherwise for such work, whose duty it should be to perfect the organization of Societies and Associations, and thus make our scattered work and energies more effective.

There have been New-Church Societies in many parts of this State — in Memphis, in Nashville, and in Knoxville, and perhaps other places — but they are dead, and they died for the same reason that the tender rose or flower dies, for want of wise and continued culture and care. It is true of all life — vegetable, animal, and spiritual — that growth and vigorous development come by rational and orderly culture and care, and the truer is this in the higher forms of life.

I do not think that the General Convention, in its coming session, can do a wiser thing, or one likely to be productive of better results, than to send down south a man whom they know, and in whom they have confidence as a tried and true man, and as an efficient organizer, who shall take charge of this unorganized country and lay out and begin here the building of the walls of the New Jerusalem upon the enduring foundation, the chief cornerstone of the Divine Humanity of our Lord.

Many influences from the North are now at work in the South. Shall the Church of the New Jerusalem refuse to furnish the heart and lungs of the New South? Now is certainly an auspicious time to establish here the Church which is to be the last — the crown of all the churches. Never in the history of this country has there been such wonderful progress as is now beginning in the South — cities are being built almost in a day, millions of dollars are being expended in the building of towns and railroads and manufactories. The conquest of arms that occurred a quarter of a century ago, was absolutely nothing to the conquest of ideas that is now being accomplished throughout all this south land. But where is the city that is now descending from the Lord out of heaven? Shall it find no resting place in the South? Whence is the man to come who shall measure and lay off its foundations? Can he come unless he be sent? I pray God that the Convention may hear the the command of the Christ: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." O, my dear brothers, how this glorious commission and precious promise echoes and reëchoes in the hearts and minds of those New-Church people who are here and who longingly send up the more than Macedonian cry, to come and help us. While millions of dollars are flowing in here to build up the material interests of the country, where are the tenths, the tithes, with which to build the house of the Lord?

About a year ago, the Unitarians from Boston sent out men here, and now they are preparing to build a church, which with the lot will cost twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars; and last week a lot was secured to build a second Unitarian Church, in one of the city suburbs, and almost every church on the continent is here represented, and vigorously at work, and the most vigorous and active are those who are receiving aid from their northern friends.

One church with the aid of its northern friends a few years since bought property in this city for thirty thousand dollars, built a magnificent university upon it, and now the property without the building is worth two hundred thousand dollars.

Now I do think that if the General Convention would send down here a man as above indicated, and he should look over the whole South, he would find such a condition of things that when reported to our northern friends would arouse in their minds and hearts an earnest and warm response to the cry that now comes to them from the whole South, in behalf of the Church that has the truth that is to save every man who is finally to secure a home in the heavens. It seems that every church on earth believes that the truth which it teaches is to save the world, and this inspires them with life; but the New Church not only believes this of its truth, but knows it, and yet how cold, how indifferent, how chilly, how frozen! If faith alone is the curse of the old church, may we not say that truth alone is the curse of the new? If this world is to be saved, my dear brothers, it must be by love. Love is the fulfilling of the law. By this, and not by truth alone, shall all men know that ye are My disciples, "if ye have love one for another." Mutual love is the mark of true discipleship.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Here is the true missionary spirit. It is love that sends the Saviour into the world, and it is love that preaches the Gospel to a dying race. O, why my dear brothers, why do we tarry so long in Jerusalem — so long in mere doctrine? Let us seek the baptism of love, and so be endued with power from on high, then obedience to the great commission will be a joy and a delight, and we shall see of the travail of our souls and be satisfied. And, my dear brothers, we must long for, strive after, this baptism.

The command is, "strive [be in agony] to enter in at the strait gate." The promise is only to the one who asks, seeks, and

knocks, the most glorious of all the promises is made to him that overcometh, and none but him who strives can overcome; only he can be drawn up into the blessed sphere of the Lord's love, wisdom, and use, who will let go every known and voluntary sin; and only when we are in this blessed sphere can we love with the Lord's love, be wise with the Lord's wisdom, and be strong with the Lord's strength. May there not be some truth in the accusation, so frequently being brought against us as a people, that we so spiritualize the Holy Word that we render it of none effect? Are we not apt to forget that all power is in ultimates? the ultimates of a godly, self-denying, self-sacrificing life? a life consecrated to the good of others? My dear brothers, we have great reason, both as individuals and as a Church, to ask ourselves the question, What doth hinder us from being baptized with the baptism of love and so being endued with power from on high? What doth hinder us from being drawn up into the loving, luminous, joyous, peaceful sphere of our blessed Lord, and so spontaneously live with His love, be wise with His wisdom, and lovingly, wisely, and usefully serve others with His love of service?

The answer to this question, diligently and prayerfully sought for, may lead to such a revelation of internal state as shall finally result in the opening up within us of the internal, subjective, spiritual world of love, wisdom, and use within us, when we shall by experience know something of what is meant by that sweet and childlike and humble love that desires to serve all others, and that all others shall be more loving, wiser, and happier than ourselves.

Report of Rev. W. A. L. Campbell.

I MUST report rather an inactive year's work, yet not without some effort in distributing tracts and lending New-Church periodicals.

While at Eagle Pass, Texas, and in Mexico, where I found a few English-speaking people, and among them a receiver of the doctrines, one John Halliday, a mining engineer, I presented the doctrines to these. The result of which I hope shall be "as bread cast upon the waters" to be seen in their days.

The people of mixed and African descent here who took an interest in the doctrines, I am afraid have grown indifferent to a certain extent. It has leaked out that the Society here would not

welcome them; and if they came would be restricted to an allotted section of the house of worship. This however I do not think has been adhered to, yet I know it was suggested to me, by one or more, that such a thing might be necessary.

I have not connected myself with either the Society, or newly formed Association, as I have contemplated going to the Pacific Coast and assisting in the work in that section. So far however I have not been let, from various private and family difficulties, by which I have had to stand. But I see now a way opening which, I trust, will help me to greater usefulness in the Church.

I greatly regret that I am unable to be present with you; but trust that I may be able at some other annual assembly.

Report of Rev. O. L. Barler.

I AM not connected with any Church Association, nor am I actively engaged in any ministerial service, there being no support in this state (Nebraska) for the services of a New-Church clergyman. I occasionally preach in Orthodox churches when invited. I am known as a New-Church minister, distribute New-Church literature, — giving books away to all who want, but selling none. I do what I can in a quiet way gratuitously.

Report of Rev. D. V. Bowen.

SINCE making my report of last year, in regard to the Ontario Society of the New Church, so many of our members have removed, that it was thought best to suspend services for this summer. We have the prospect of several families coming the next few months, and then we shall take up our work there again.

Have administered the Holy Supper the past year eight times, baptized eleven — six adults and five children.

Report of Rev. Howard C. Dunham.

IN September of 1889, I resigned the pastorate of the Portland, Me. Society, and removed to Colorado, where I am actively employed as pastor of the Denver Society, which reports to your body. Since the last meeting of the Convention I have adminis-

tered the sacrament of baptism to seventeen persons,—three adults and fourteen children—officiated at two marriages, and seven funerals.

Report of Rev. Stephen Wood.

SINCE my last report to the Illinois Association, Oct. 1. 1889, I spent nearly four months in Texas, viz., from Oct. 18 to Feb. 10, 1890; holding meetings in eight different places, exclusive of nine weeks' labor in Galveston. During the time thirty-five candidates were baptized, viz., seventeen adults and eighteen children; sixty-six communicants partook of the Holy Supper, and one couple were united in marriage.

On my return to Iowa I spent some time in visiting the receivers in South-east Iowa, stopping at six different places. As soon as I was able, after my return, I commenced my regular labors at Lost Nation, Nashville, and Lenox, preaching once in four weeks at each place. On April 13, I preached two times in the Congregational Church at De Witt, this county; and on May 11, preached at Des Moines, visiting the receivers at Rock Island and Grinnell on my way there. In Iowa, during the year just ended, I have baptized thirteen candidates,—three adults and ten children—officiated at one marriage, and two funerals.

Thus during the year, I have baptized forty-eight candidates, solemnized two marriages, officiated at two funerals, and performed such other uses as were thought to be profitable.

Report of Rev. J. W. McSlarrow.

SINCE I removed to this city (Batesville, Ark.) I have had few opportunities for missionary work, although I have distributed quite a large number of tracts and *Helpers*, which were kindly furnished by Brother Alden, of Philadelphia.

Last September I baptized Rev. G. W. Wiley, of Pine Bluff, this State, an account of which was published in the *Messenger* at the time. On the 6th inst., I visited a small circle of receivers near Thayer, Mo., a thriving town, and the end of a division on the Memphis and Kansas City Railroad. On the night of the 7th I preached in the Congregational Church in Thayer, to an audience of about one hundred. On Sunday, June 8, I preached at

the residence of Mr. G. S. Brooks, four miles north-east of Thayer, to an audience of about sixty persons ; baptized five adults and six children — eleven in all — and administered the Holy Supper to thirteen. Several persons who heard my sermon at Thayer, on Saturday night, came out to Mr. Brooks's on Sunday to attend the services.

A lively interest was manifested in the new doctrines, and many tracts were eagerly taken. The people in and around Thayer seem to be in a receptive state, and I received many and pressing invitations from outsiders to visit them again. The harvest seems ripe, and gladly would I occupy the field. But our New-Church friends are too poor to give me any assistance at present, and I am too poor to do the work without remuneration. In fact I could not have made this visit had not our Board of Missions contributed ten dollars for my expenses.

Report of Rev. J. T. V. Croy.

I SHOULD be happy to have a large measure of progress to report to the brethren who meet at the Convention. During the year my secular labor has been so exacting that I have found little time to devote to other uses. The Sunday-school work I have been able to do has been a great pleasure to me, and other avenues for useful New-Church work have not seemed to be open to me. I should be happy indeed to be able to be more actively employed in ministerial work, pastoral or missionary, for the New Church, should the way in the Divine Providence be opened for it. Social and economic conditions on the Pacific Coast are such that the growth of the New Church will be slow and small for years ; but conditions which seem as obstacles in the way should stimulate us to greater exertions in behalf of the heavenly doctrines. A movement is in progress to organize a Pacific Coast Association, and it is proposed to meet at San Francisco in September, and the success of the project seems assured.

Special Reports.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE IUNGERICH FUND.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America :—*

THE undersigned, their co-trustee, Mr. Edward C. Iungerich, being again absent in Europe, respectfully make report of their operations during the last year, as directed by the Deed of Trust under which they are appointed :—

The balance in the hands of the Trustees as per their last report, May 1, 1889, was	\$36,982.57
of which \$35,000 was invested.	
There has been collected of income from May 1, 1889, to date	2,783.07
	<u>\$39,765.64</u>
There has been paid to the J. B. Lippincott Company for manufacturing books	1,039.95
	<u>\$38,725.69</u>
Leaving a balance in hand of	\$38,100.00
Invested for the purposes of the Trust	625.69
June 10, 1890, Cash Balance	<u>\$38,725.69</u>

The demand for the Gift books has been very regular, but for reasons hereinafter mentioned has been slowly increasing during the past year. It still continues to be a marked feature of the demand that the applications for the books largely come from ministers, who make application on the suggestion of former recipients.

There have been distributed during the past year

Of the True Christian Religion	1,304 copies
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	1,051 copies

During the same time the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed, —

Of Heaven and Hell	1,218 copies
Of the Life of Swedenborg	963 copies

The latter forms no part of the work of the Trustees, but as the Committee on Distribution of the Tract Society takes immediate

charge of the distribution of the Gift Books, and as that Society has always coöperated with them, it has been the custom to mention for the information of the Church the distribution of all the books.

By reason of a change in book-keepers a little discrepancy between the reports of former years and the present one, as to the whole number of volumes distributed, is discovered, but a careful examination of the accounts, computed up to the first day of May 1890, indicates that the total number of copies of the different books distributed to that date, is as follows:—

By the Iungerich Trustees,—

Of the True Christian Religion	31,589
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	24,174

By the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society,—

Of Heaven and Hell	29,714
Of the Life of Swedenborg	12,455

Making a grand total of 97,932

The trustees must again make their acknowledgments to Dr. John Ellis for the great help which he has rendered them by the wide-spread notice he has given of their work. They also desire to make acknowledgment of similar help rendered by Mr. Henry G. Thompson, President of the Connecticut Association. They are also beginning to feel the effects of the distribution of 50,000 copies of the *New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine* made by the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, every copy of which contains an announcement of the Gift Books. And they cannot conclude their report without again stating the fact and expressing the great sense of obligation they feel to the Trustees of the Rotch Fund, who have permitted the use of the plates from which the *True Christian Religion* and the *Apocalypse Revealed* are printed. The incidents connected with this work of distribution continue to be of the most encouraging character, and the trustees would gladly make fuller report of these, were it not for the fact that they feel that they have not the right to trespass upon the time of this body for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN SHOEMAKER,	} Trustees.
HENRY IUNGERICH,	
WM. McGEORGE, JR.,	

REPORT OF THE GERMAN MISSIONARY UNION OF THE NEW
CHURCH IN AMERICA.

THE Missionary Union would report that it has prosperously carried on its uses since its last report, supplying the German Church with the many publications of the New Church in that language, publishing the *Neukirchenblatt*, and giving assistance according to its means to Rev. F. Goerwitz in his work in Switzerland, and in missionary work in this country.

At the late meeting of the Union a reorganization was in part effected, whereby the membership in the Union will hereafter not consist of individual members merely, but of societies and individual members, and giving to the societies represented a more direct control of its affairs. Societies which have hitherto stood aloof, coöperated with the Union at this meeting, and are represented on its Executive Council by Rev. Wm. Diehl, of Brooklyn, Rev. P. J. Faber, of Baltimore, and Mr. G. Fimmer, of New York.

The place of publication of the *Neukirchenblatt* has been changed from Berlin, Can. to Philadelphia, as being more central, and in its Committee of Publication the various views of the Church are now more fully represented.

The expenditures of the Union since our last report were \$1,141.04, leaving a balance in our treasury of \$105.71. The large depot of German New-Church books on hand in the book depositories in Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Berlin, Can., has a wholesale value of \$4,604.51, thus fully providing for the needs of the German New Church for some time to come.

Praying that the Lord may be with you at your meeting, and bless and prosper your work for His name, the above is respectfully submitted in behalf and by the direction of the German Missionary Union.

LOUIS H. TAFEL, *Vice-President*.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING OF A
HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

THIS Committee was duly appointed under the following resolution, adopted at the sixty-ninth annual session of the General Convention, held in the city of Washington, May 1889.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen, two from each of the following cities, namely, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Brooklyn, and three from Washington, be and are hereby appointed to take charge of the building of a new house of worship in the city of Washington; that they be authorized to raise funds for the object, to act as trustees of the property in the name of the Convention, and to fill vacancies in their number in conference with and with the approval of the president and secretaries of the Convention.

The First Meeting was held at the office of Gen. R. D. Mussey, in the city of Washington, Nov. 25 and 26, 1889. In attendance, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Chairman, E. B. Warren, Job Barnard, J. J. Edson, and H. C. Spencer, Secretary. The Rev. Frank Sewall and Gen. R. D. Mussey, were present by invitation, for consultation.

The action of the Committee through correspondence, electing Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Chairman, Francis A. Dewson, Treasurer, and H. C. Spencer, Secretary, was formally ratified.

It was voted that five constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that no contract for the purchase of a lot or the erection of a building should be entered into, without the consent of at least a majority.

A carefully prepared map was presented to the Committee for its consideration, by General Mussey, showing the location of all the New-Church families in the city of Washington; from which it was apparent that Sixteenth Street, in the north-west section, was central to the greater number of them.

The Committee spent considerable time in visiting together various eligible building sites in the beautiful north-west section and discussing their relative advantages.

The local members of the Committee were instructed to continue investigations in regard to lots, after the meeting, and report results.

A communication was received from Mr. H. Langford Warren, of Boston, generously offering to act as architect, and making a contribution of his services toward the building of the temple.

Rev. Frank Sewall by request, placed at the disposal of the Committee, sketches and a paper, embodying his ideas of a New-Church temple, in order that they might be carefully considered in connection with any other plans that might be prepared and offered.

The matter of plans was informally considered, but all action on the subject was deferred until a lot should be decided upon.

The Second Meeting of the Committee was held at the office of John B. McGeorge, 20 Broad Street, New York City, Jan. 15, 1890.

Present: Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Chairman, E. B. Warren, G. Woolworth Colton, Mordaunt Bodine, Job Barnard, J. J. Edson, and H. C. Spencer, Secretary.

Resignations from the Committee were received from Lyman S. Burnham, W. N. Hobart, R. A. Keyes, and J. Y. Scammon.

Milo B. Stevens and George Burnham were nominated by the Committee to the President and Secretaries of the General Convention to be appointed to fill vacancies.

The generous proposition of H. Langford Warren to act as architect was formally accepted.

The Washington members of the Committee reported progress in regard to a building site, and considerable informal discussion was held in respect to architectural plans.

The Third Meeting of the Committee was held at the office of Wm. Mc. George, Jr., in the Bullitt Building, Philadelphia, April 21, 1890.

Present: Wm. McGeorge, Jr., President, Job Barnard, Geo. Burnham, J. J. Edson, Milo B. Stevens, E. B. Warren, H. C. Spencer, Secretary.

The nominations of Geo. Burnham and Milo B. Stevens, having been confirmed by the President and Secretaries of the General Convention, they were recognized as members of the Committee.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention, and Mr. H. Langford Warren, the architect, were present by special invitation, for consultation.

Mr. Barnard of the Washington Committee, reported that in behalf of the Committee the Washington members had agreed to buy and had bought lots 19, 20, 21, and 22, Square 193, having a front of 88 ft., on 16th Street, and 110 ft. on Corcoran Street, at an average of \$3.25 per square foot, paying \$12,906.67, cash, and giving his notes secured by deed of trust on the property, one for \$3,630, at six months from March 14, 1890; one for \$3,630, at one year; one for \$5,646.66, at one year from March 15, 1890; and one for \$5,646.66 at two years, all with interest; at 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

That he took title in his own name, for prudential reasons, and

desired the Committee to designate the party to whom he should make conveyance.

The action of the Washington members of the Committee in purchasing the building site on the corner of 16th and Corcoran Streets, North-west, in Washington, D. C., was confirmed.

Action on Mr. Barnard's request in regard to conveyance of title was deferred until after the next meeting of the General Convention, and a Declaration of Trust was received from him.

An informal discussion was held in regard to the uses to be provided for in building the temple.

That the growth of a society must depend largely upon its Sunday school ; that Sunday-school rooms should be made pleasant, light, and airy ; that book rooms, and rooms for social and business meetings were essential ; and that the place of worship in the temple should seat from five to seven hundred people, were views that appeared to be generally concurred in. It also appeared to be the prevailing sentiment that the temple should be built of stone rather than brick, that the Sunday school and book rooms should be built first, and used for public worship until the temple can be completed.

The officers of the Committee were instructed to report progress to the General Convention at its next session, to be held in Chicago, June 21, 1890.

The President of the Committee, Mr. Dewson, and Mr. Barnard were constituted a special committee to prepare an appeal for publication. The appeal is subjoined as a part of this report.

We call attention to the fact that the price of the lot purchased in Washington is \$31,460, of which \$20,000 has been raised, and that it is specially desirable that the balance \$11,460 should be raised as soon as possible, to clear the site of incumbrance, in order that the building may be commenced at an early day.

WM. McGEORGE, JR., *President.*

H. C. SPENCER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON RESOLUTIONS OF MR. HITE, RELATING TO NEW-CHURCH EDUCATION.

THE necessity of New-Church education and its importance as a means of improving the quality of the Church and promoting its growth, can be affirmed without reservation.

While the general truth is clear, the Church at large will best reach unanimity upon the particular truths contained in it, as such particular truths are reached in their practical application to use. If particulars are now in some degree seen by deeper students of doctrine, they are not sufficiently apprehended by the general body to make their formulation by it useful. The deepest students have much yet to learn upon this important subject, as upon many others, which can be sought in greater freedom if untrammelled by premature and crude formulation. The appointment of a committee to formulate principles, or the sub-committees named in the resolution referred to us, does not seem to us a measure of present utility but quite as likely to hinder the cause which is sought to be advanced.

The Church has made efforts to obey the truth relating to the education of its children, and under Divine Providencê has learned something from those efforts which may help it to further obedience. It may be assumed that those measures which resulted in abiding institutions, were such as most fully met the need of the state of the church to which they were applied. Neither these measures, nor the institutions established by them, were necessarily such as approached most nearly to true order, but were only the most orderly that the Church acting in freedom could be led to adopt. The established and existing New-Church schools mark the present attainment in New-Church education and the point from which its growth must proceed. To these schools we look for the training and experience which will enable us to give distinctive New-Church education, for the wise application of the truths of the Church to this use which will help us to see when and to what such education can be applied, and which will make clear much relating to the subject that can now be but vaguely seen.

One duty of the Church is plain with reference to the education of its children, and perhaps it will be most effectively performed if attention is not immediately directed to any other. Reverent obedience to one truth clearly seen is the best possible preparation

to discern the next step to be taken. The duty which seems to us immediate, clear, and imperative is to strengthen existing New-Church schools. In doing this the Church will place itself in the way to know what further service the Lord desires at its hands to the same end. No one of existing New-Church schools is furnished for the work it attempts as it should be furnished. The need is greater with some than with others, and the specific wants of each will be best presented in its own behalf by those charged with its care. There is need of teachers properly prepared for the use, there is great need of endowment to provide adequate and steady support for such teachers in the service, and there is need that New-Church parents should know and appreciate the advantages which these schools afford. Endowment would avail little if the other needs were not met, but if endowment were provided with liberal hand, it would go far to enable those having the schools in charge to secure both teachers and pupils, and to give the schools such excellence that parents in the Church could not fail to recognize their superior advantages. To those to whom the Lord has entrusted means which can be appropriated to this important use, and to all who love the Church and its uses, the cause of New-Church education and the pecuniary needs of existing New-Church schools are warmly commended.

SAMUEL F. DIKE,

ALBERT MASON.

For the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

THE Committee on Transportation report that they made arrangements with the Trunk Line, the New-England, and the Central Traffic Associations for the transportation of ministers, laymen, and their families in attending the sessions of the General Convention at Chicago, due notice of which was given in the *New-Church Messenger* and other periodicals. The saving to the members and visitors to the Convention under this plan has been one third the usual rates. The Committee would gladly have secured earlier dates for going and later dates for returning from the Convention, but this could not be accomplished under the rules.

J. F. GODDARD, }
E. SUGDEN, } *Committee.*

Addresses.

ADDRESS FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF
THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

DEAR BRETHREN, — The interesting and thoughtful address prepared by the Rev. John Goddard on behalf of your Convention, was duly presented to the General Conference at its last session by your messenger, the Rev. Jabez Fox. We were glad to welcome your messenger, and to endorse the sentiments contained in your message.

The question of the growth of the New Church must necessarily be a question of great interest to us. But really we ought to concern ourselves with the Church's work, more than with its growth. The constant enquiry as to the reason why the Church does not progress more rapidly is apt to retard the Church's progress. It has the same effect as looking over the shoulder has upon a man who is running a race.

We do not know, we cannot know, how rapidly the Church is growing in the world ; but we may be quite sure that no earnest effort is fruitless. Looking at the poor and neglected state of the ground into which the New Church is to descend, and remembering that we have none of us done so much as we ought to have done, we ought not to affect surprise at the slow growth of the Church ; rather should we wonder that it has grown so rapidly, and thankfully acknowledge that the Lord has been on our side.

These doleful lamentations and investigations into the causes of slow growth, savor rather of the things that be of men than the things that be of God. They are based upon premises that have not been proved and are unprovable. Nothing is to be gained by bemoaning the smallness of our resources. To speak and act as if the members of the New Church today were the pioneers of a forlorn hope is treason to our cause.

We need recruits ; and we need to seek recruits in a cheerful spirit, as if we were really convinced that the New Church is to

go forth, like a grand army, conquering and to conquer. We should ignore the possibility of defeat. And if from time to time we find it necessary to change our methods of working, let us change as if we were advancing in the light of day, and not as if we were retreating in the shelter of the darkness of night.

The doctrines of the New Church are the Lord's. The methods of expounding and proclaiming those doctrines are ours. We need in relation to our share of the work to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." If we are wise we shall always be willing to adapt our methods to circumstances. If the high ritual that seems the proper external clothing of worship in our ancient cathedrals, is manifestly out of place in a small, hired room, that is frequently used for other purposes, how much more is it certain that the ceremonies that exist in heaven must often be modified to meet the internal and external circumstances of our societies on earth. We need to have everything in its own order; and while the garments of the external Church should be always clean and beautiful, they should always fit and yield. We want the clothing of the external Church to fit closely enough to produce warmth without interfering with respiration.

Above all, we do not want garments made of cast iron. We need sufficient uniformity to secure unity, and sufficient liberty to promote growth. My brethren, your Convention and our Conference ought to aim at promoting, by every legitimate means, the growth of the New Church in its external form; and we ought to so aim because the New Church in its external form is the agency by means of which the Lord Jesus Christ is spreading the knowledge of those doctrines which constitute the Holy City, New Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven.

We are glad to learn of the earnest efforts that you are putting forth to cultivate the missionary spirit among the members of the New Church in America, and to hear of the missionary sermons and lectures and talks given in your country. The missionary spirit is the spirit of life and vigor. Without it the external Church is, and must be, and ought to be a failure.

It is your duty and ours to proclaim the Deity of the Lord and the sanctity of the Word in this age of doubt and negation. We follow with interest the record of your distribution of the writings of the New Church to the ministers of other churches, and we believe that good results must follow such a distribution. This work

'is next in importance to the circulation of the Divine Word. It is for us to sow the seed broadcast, even though some of it will fall upon stony places and some among thorns. It is our business to sow, leaving the question of results to the Lord, Whose own the seed is.

Our mission is to save from error and from sin. Only the truth can make men free. But no truth can be of service to men except the truth which they can intelligently appreciate. We, therefore, in endeavoring to spread the knowledge of the truths of the New Church, ought to do so with an appreciation of the fact that not every statement in the Writings can be a light to every man. It is not for us to condemn the individuals or the organizations that follow not with us, but to try to lead men from liberty (their liberty) according to reason (their reason). Consequently, it is our duty to present to inquirers those truths which are most likely to commend themselves to devout and rational minds. The missionary — public or private — needs to be cautious as well as zealous, to combine the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove.

While we offer our lectures and our literature to the people who are outside we must not forget those who are inside. Our isolated receivers and our small and isolated societies have to maintain their loyalty to the New Church in the face of many difficulties. They need to be helped and encouraged by visits from ministers and other active workers in the Church. We in England are beginning to pay more attention to this department of our Church work, and we trust that our efforts will result in strengthening the weakest links in the chain that binds us together. We need to be drawn more closely together. How to accomplish this is the present day problem of our organization.

In conclusion, permit me to remind you that the real work of the Church cannot be effected by Conventions and Conferences alone. Every individual receiver of the doctrines has his own special work ; and every society of the Church ought to find work for its members. We have to remember that our first work is to shun evils as sins against the Lord. If we fail in this preliminary our connection with the Church is only nominal, if not actually hurtful. A common love and a common life will do more than common opinions to enable the members of the Church to work for the establishment of the kingdom of the Lord.

Not even the great Atlantic can divide those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Our prayers ascend together—our hopes, our ways, our ends are essentially the same. We are honored by the Lord, in that we are permitted to know the things that belong to the world's peace. We shall be happy if we do them.

We thank you for the kindly reception which you accorded to Mr. Gunton, our messenger, a year ago, and at your next sitting when you shake the hand of our brother, the Rev. J. J. Thornton, of England and Australasia, and when you hear his voice, regard him as speaking words of cheer for all of us.

In the name of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, I am truly yours,

JOSEPH DEANS, *President.*

Countersigned, E. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN,—It is my privilege to announce that your annual address to the General Convention has been received and communicated to that body.

The Rev. Messrs. J. J. Thornton and John Martin, your representatives from Australia and England respectively, by their presence and well-spoken words have added no little to the pleasure and profit of the Convention's proceedings.

Your words of advice and encouragement are grateful and helpful to us at all times. These, and similar greetings from our brethren in other lands, bring home to us each year the comforting assurance that the Lord's New Church is indeed "One fold under one Shepherd." Few in number though it be, the communion to which we belong is yet world-wide, and its parts are more or less known to each other and to the whole. Without other password than a common faith, the receivers of the Heavenly Doctrines are nowhere strangers to each other, and are to be found wherever civilization exists.

Nor should we wonder at this, since we possess in common and

possess exclusively the one greatest of all truths, namely, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one God of heaven and of earth. In that article of faith and in the worship founded thereon we stand alone amid the nations of the earth apart from the Christians of every other name.

This being so, is it not pertinent to ask, Do we as individuals, or in our capacity as a Church, lay sufficient stress upon this great truth? Do we from platform and pulpit and by printed page sufficiently emphasize it? We, as a religious denomination are commonly known as "Swedenborgians," that is, readers of the works of that illustrious author from whose name the term is derived. We repudiate the justice of the title, but it is difficult to see how it could fail to be fastened on us, as long as we are not chiefly known to men as advocates of the greatest truth which that learned sage was commissioned to make known to the world. That truth we also know to have been the same which on the 19th day of June, 1770, was delivered anew to the twelve apostles, now angels; to be preached by them everywhere in the spiritual world, namely, that "The Lord Jesus Christ reigneth." What higher, yea, (it might almost be asked) what other commission have we, as members of the Lord's New Church, than to proclaim this first of His "two witnesses," and to preach everywhere that other, that men should repent and obey the commandments if they would be saved?

It is stated by a reliable authority (*Hindmarsh's History*) that over a hundred years ago, about the time of the first visible organization of the New Church, there appeared in various public places in the city of London, put there by some unknown hand, the inscription "Christ is God." If every man since that day who has been able to receive that great truth had been at the pains in some such emphatic manner to proclaim it to the world; yet more, if he had simultaneously with equal care inscribed it upon his life, with such reasonable service and humility as faith in that great Name implies, humanly speaking the Lord's New Church would be nearer to its promised Pentecost than now it seems to be.

It is prophesied in the book of Revelation that a day will come when the "two witnesses," beforetime slain and rejected of men, "shall revive and stand upon their feet;" which, in the doctrines of the Church has been interpreted to mean that these two leading truths, namely, the Divinity of the Lord's Humanity, and the necessity of a life according to the commandments, so long re-

jected by the Churches, shall be vivified by the Lord in the hearts of those that receive them. (A. R. 510.)

It cannot be claimed that this promise has yet been fulfilled. That such a revival is needed seems plain enough when we consider the fact above alluded to, that we have not yet made ourselves generally known to the world as Jesus Worshipers, but have acquired a reputation rather vague in outline, as teachers of strange doctrines and readers of many books. The same might be inferred also from the past and current history of the Church (we speak especially for our beloved little company on this side of the Atlantic), which has certainly not been such as the greatness of its opportunities or of its responsibilities called for. The Doctrine of the Lord has indeed been preached, but along with it too much attention has been given to matters of minor importance, and the discussion of these has not always been in a spirit which showed that the Divine Master was uppermost in the mind, or that the Church's faith in Him was a living faith. The true doctrine of repentance has been proclaimed not always with that fervor which is born of sympathy with the perishing souls, or with that humility which comes with a sense of personal need.

These things are said, brethren, in no critical spirit, but are suggested by a sentiment expressed in your address, viz. :— "The Doctrines of the New Church are the Lord's; the methods of expounding and proclaiming them are ours."

This being admitted as true, it becomes our urgent and constant duty to inquire where these methods have been at fault, and if possible to amend them.

For great at present are the needs of the world for these doctrines. We see everywhere around us the signs of the breaking up of the old faiths. One leading denomination is even now bravely endeavoring to revise its confession of faith so that it may conform to the truth generally accepted by them that "God is Love." Happy would it be for them if they could be induced to go one step further and confess that God is Jesus Christ. Perhaps if this corner-stone of the New Jerusalem had been by us given its due prominence, these Christians might even now be taking that step.

The glories of the internal sense of the Word, the clearing up of Scripture paradoxes, the more than rainbow beauty of our doctrines, are all of great moment and value to those who are within the pale of the true Church; but what are these save matters of

passing curiosity to a world which as yet knows not its God? Again, of what profit is the intellectual reception of higher truth to those who have not yet been brought to see the necessity of repentance and amendment of life?

Wherefore, brethren, let us labor on, and labor together, hopefully and cheerfully, in the future as we have done in the past, but let our object be more and more to exalt the "two witnesses," that they may prophesy before men the thousand two hundred and threescore days, after which, though they be rejected and slain by the many, their enemies shall be judged and they shall arise and stand upon their feet vivified by the Lord in the hearts of His elect.

We rejoice with you when we read of the progress which the cause of truth is making in your midst, of new houses of worship lately dedicated, and of costly and beautiful places of instruction newly erected.

In this decennial year, when the census of our large and growing population is being taken, we hope to be able to report for our own land that degree of growth in spiritual things which can alone add permanence through the divine blessing to national greatness.

On behalf of the General Convention,

Your brother in the Lord,

PHILIP B. CABELL.

ADDRESS FROM THE CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH IN
AUSTRALIA TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE
NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

BELOVED BRETHREN, — At the recent meeting of the Conference of the New Church in Australia, I was deputed to address to you a few words of greeting and Christian fellowship by your brethren in this great Southern land. To do this affords me great pleasure; and I do not know that I can express any better wish than that the active sphere of the Lord's love and wisdom may ever rule your hearts and prosper all your endeavors.

The strong assurance that we are bound to you by that golden chain of love which conjoins man to man, angel to angel, the

Church on earth to the Church in heaven, and all to the Lord, delights our hearts. Acknowledging and worshipping the only God and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Life of the world, we are with you in the common body of His Church and members one of another.

The work of disseminating the glorious truths revealed by the Lord at His Second Advent, and applying them to all the activities of human life, engages your best affections, and to the same great purpose our endeavors are directed. We live in a country where much indifference and worldliness prevails. Life here is subject to so many vicissitudes, and the great majority of our people have come to these shores to make money quickly or to pursue pleasures and gains. If churches can be made conducive to that end they are naturally patronized; but the higher affections of spiritual life are not dominant, and too rarely assert themselves. A change is, however, rapidly setting in; and it will affect Australian life almost to a revolution, as surely as spring and summer follow the cold and deadening darkness of winter. Living spiritual affections flowing in from the Lord Jesus are certain to make the difference. Even avowed New-Churchmen will feel afresh the life of charity. They will not then be content to sit quietly at home, careless of others, and only personally gratified with the bright and satisfying truths abundantly unfolded in the literature of the Lord's Church. The new life will awaken them to the uses and values of social intercourse in communion with their brethren.

The Societies of the New Church in Australia have greatly increased their missionary efforts during the last few months. An impulse was given to this movement at the last Conference, and the paper then read on "Pure Theology" has since been mailed to every clergyman in Australia. Some of our brethren have devoted means and time unsparingly to missionary efforts in the same direction.

Perhaps one of the most admirable missionary efforts recently put forth in Australia has been that of Mr. W. J. Spencer, the much respected leader of the Sydney Society, who has devised a plan of advertising the doctrines of the Church by purchasing space by his own literary labors as a journalist. From this effort much good has resulted. *The Doctrine of Life* has been extensively advertised in Queensland and sent to all who apply for it. This in turn has brought to us new evidences of the irresistible power of heavenly truth in the willing heart and mind. To us the signs

of the times in the spheres of religion, politics, and science bring to view clear evidences of the fact that a brighter and happier day is dawning on the world. The Divine Human is our Rock ; the Church which is built thereon, both in doctrine and in a life according to it will stand eternally. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We have no confidence in anything of our own under whatever disguise. Our only confidence is yours ; it is that of which the Scripture saith, "For as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth and even for ever."

In conclusion, brethren, we rejoice in the fact that it is our privilege not only to address you these words of brotherly love and Christian greeting, but to send them by the hand of our beloved brother, the Rev. J. J. Thornton, as our official messenger, who is about to journey through your great country, chiefly with the view of learning more of your work and its methods ; drawing renewed strength and cheer from communion with you ; and we hope gathering strength that may enable him to renew his labors in Australia at a not far distant time.

With grateful memories of the many services rendered by your valuable literature and the force of a noble and generous example, I remain, on behalf of the New Church in Australia,

Yours sincerely,

W. A. BATES, *President.*

Countersigned, DANIEL ASHBY, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS FROM THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN AUSTRALIA.

DEAR BRETHREN, — It gives us sincere pleasure to learn of the efforts you are making to propagate the truth of the New Church in Australia, and of the energy, courage, and hope with which you are entering into the work. It is the greatest and the most beneficent use ever committed to men, and it will be rewarded with blessings corresponding in value to the importance of the work.

We have every possible inducement to be energetic and persevering in the grand use of building up a new and distinctly higher spiritual kingdom among men, than has ever existed on the earth. We have the means of doing it. The Lord has supplied us with the means of doing it in sufficient abundance. We know that it is His kingdom, that its establishment and perpetuity is in the line of all His purpose and providence, and that He and all the angels are working for it, and are present in every word we speak, in every book we publish, and in every effort we make to disseminate its principles and embody them in our lives. They that be for us are more than they that be against us. We have, therefore, every assurance of ultimate success. The Lord is coming quickly; that is, surely. His purpose and promise cannot fail.

The settlement of Australia by a civilized and Christian people, and the planting of a New Church in its provinces, is one of the remarkable signs of the times, and a fulfilment of the promise that the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord, and that the islands of the sea shall be converted unto Him. The beacon lights of the new truths to warn against danger and guide to the spiritual safety and happiness, now nearly encircle the globe. The links in the golden chain which is to join all hands and unite all hearts in one human and spiritual brotherhood, and become the medium of communicating the love and power of each to all, and of all to each, are forming on every continent and island.

The New Church is one, however its members may be separated by space, and wherever they may dwell whether on earth or in heaven. We have one Lord and Saviour whom alone we worship. We have one faith which is the embodiment of Divine truth, and

all the laws of spiritual life as they exist in the Lord in infinite perfection and are revealed in His word. Consequently they will never need revision. The more deeply we enter into them, and the more fully they are unfolded, the clearer they become, and the more rationally they can be understood.

We are cheered with your hopeful spirit, which comes to us from the other side of the world. It encourages our hearts and tends to stimulate us to greater efforts in doing our own work, knowing that what we do here is not limited to our own societies or our own continent, but reaches you and enables you to do more work in your land and to give more help to us. Every voice reaches every ear, and every pulse of the new life beats in every heart.

But these quickening influences come to our consciousness with more effect when presented by the living voice, and made impressive by the personal presence of men who are commissioned by a larger body to express them. We are doubly pleased therefore to welcome the Australian Conference in the person of our friend and brother, the Rev. J. J. Thornton. We welcome your Conference and all its members in welcoming him. We take you all by the hand when we grasp his hand, and we offer our hearts to you in opening them to him. We shall think of you more distinctly and with deeper interest. You seem to be nearer to us than before, and more firmly knit in the bonds of Christian brotherhood. We hope his coming is but the beginning of a personal interchange of thought and affection that may continue to increase in members and interest.

We rejoice to hear of the efforts you are making to plant the New Church in your new world, and we pray for your abundant success. Your numbers, like ours, are few on this side of the camp. But if our eyes were opened we should see a mighty host working with us and for us, which no numbers and organization can withstand. From a natural point of view, the members of the New Church are a small remnant, the gleanings of the harvest; two or three berries in the outmost branches. But from the spiritual side, we are the advance guard of a mighty host which no man can number and no power resist.

With regard to the Church in our own country, we see signs of increasing strength. There is a more general and faithful study of the doctrines, and a wider diffusion of the literature of the

Church among its members and beyond. There is an increasing demand for books and tracts, and there is a growing feeling that there is light and help in the New Church which can be found in no other. As a rule, our societies are gaining in spiritual power, and are slowly increasing in numbers. The Man-Child is growing and gives promise of a vigorous youth and a noble and wise manhood.

But whether we see it or not, we know that all good men, and all natural as well as spiritual forces, are working together to dispel the ignorance of spiritual truths, to correct falsities, to subdue evils, and to lift man up towards heaven and the Lord, and to answer the prayer which our Lord taught us to offer with our lips and from our hearts, that His kingdom may come and His will be done on the earth as it is in the heavens.

Cordially reciprocating the kind greeting of the Church in Australia contained in your Address, and in the hope that we may be drawn more closely together in mutual help and love, I remain in behalf of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in America, most cordially,

Your friend and brother,

CHAUNCEY GILES.

ADDRESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SWISS UNION
OF THE NEW CHURCH.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,—With joy we take the occasion of the approaching meeting of the representatives of the American General Convention, to send you a response to the address sent to our Swiss Union on the occasion of our 13th annual meeting.

With pleasure we have taken cognizance of the expressions of your sympathy, and in expressing our thanks for the same we have a particular satisfaction in telling you that your hopes are more and more being fulfilled, and that our organization has come forth from its momentary sad states and conflicts, strengthened and with a higher consciousness and deeper general comprehension of the fundamental truths of the New Church.

We can further communicate that our development with respect to the ecclesiastical laws of order is progressing; we are at present engaged in a revision of our Constitution, which will show to the ministerial office a greater respect than has been shown hitherto.

In all these intended progressions we feel a loving desire to look on our American sister organization, to follow its development and to gather thence incentives to further efforts.

The New Church on earth is one; we are brethren. Whatever moves one member of the Church, the other members take cognizance of, the progress of the one is the strengthening of the other, — thence we take a living interest in the welfare, as in the afflictions of our American brethren, and in the increase of your Church.

We, therefore, close with the heartfelt wish that the proceedings of the General Convention may be attended with blessed results for the kingdom of the Lord.

With brotherly greetings in the name of the Swiss Union of the New Church.

FEDOR GOERWITZ, *President.*

ADOLF BLAU, *Secretary.*

Communications.

FROM THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE NEW CHURCH.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America: —*

WE are pleased to feel that the New Church is with every new year developing into a larger and into a more important organization. It gives us pleasure to think that the sessions of the General Convention become of more and more absorbing interest to those whose minds have been opened to the doctrines of the new age and whose hearts have warmed toward the life which they entail upon him who uprightly and from the very roots of his being has given assent to them. We are much pleased to note in the programme of the sessions this year, a more thorough attempt at unity and at the production of unital thought. For the Church fails to recognize her true and proper domain when she neglects this thought, and spends the God-given powers which have come to her in thoughtless attempts here or there in the wilderness. When she recognizes the necessity for concentration and for concerted action upon any one of the many fields which it is her prerogative to cultivate, then has she in just so far recognized her own most valid ground for existence.

It is in the line of this thought, also, that our German Synod has labored during the year. Our organization has grown materially in interest, in membership, in working ability, and in the recognition of uses. We have labored diligently to understand the needs of the Germans in this country; we have looked up the state of the Church in general, and have endeavored to find that portion to which our especial attention should be directed during the year.

Beside attending to the usual missionary work among our own people, we have had one or two points in view, and have endeavored to keep them very distinctly before us, and to persevere in the pursuit of them. Our missionaries have labored faithfully in the States of Iowa, of Missouri, of Illinois, of Texas, and in other localities where missionary effort seemed to be needed. We have

wasted little or no energy in strife, and have tried to spend all our strength in more remunerative labor than that which ultimates itself in the critique and fault-finding with others who are in the field and are engaged in other work.

The various Societies connected with the Synod, the various uses which have been originated under the auspices of the Synod, have all been faithfully attended to, and have shown the desired results. The movement among the Mennonites, to which we had devoted some attention, has been successfully inaugurated, and promises even better results than those expected by the most sanguine among us.

The Synod has published *The Doctrine of the New Church Concerning the Lord*, and also a tract in which the Doctrines of the New Church are ably defended against the attacks made upon them by John Holdemann, by means of which we expect to do much efficient work.

Surveying the entire field of Church work to which we have devoted our energies in the past year, the German Synod of the New Church has every reason to feel grateful to the Lord for His tender mercy, for His fatherly solicitude, and for His watchful care over those interests of His Church which it has been His will to place within the reach of our powers. May He be with you in this your present session, and enlighten you to do and to work for His Church in such a way that the domain of His Church may be effectually widened in the hearts of men, and many souls may be brought forward into the pathway of the new light that has broken over the mountains of the East and that heralds a new day — a new and terrible day — the day of Jehovah.

We beg to sign very fraternally yours in the New Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

GERHARD BUSMANN, *President*.

JOHN C. MENSCHNER, *Secretary*.

FROM THE NEW-CHURCH SOCIETY IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

ORGANIZED OCT. 20, 1889.

For two years past the scattered receivers of the New-Church doctrines, residing in Kansas City, have held weekly meetings at their several residences for mutual benefit and instruction, and, finding their efforts fairly successful, at last concluded to organize for regular worship in a central locality, where by press notices, etc., the public might be more readily reached and many persons, interested in the doctrines, induced to attend public services who would not feel free to seek our private gatherings.

With this end in view, our first effort at permanent organization was made by meeting at the residence of Clem. T. Alcutt, Esq., Oct. 20, 1889, when a brief but comprehensive article, prepared by Mr. A. H. Cline, was signed by a number of New-Church receivers and adherents, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Merine, Mr. and Mrs. Clem. T. Alcutt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Peabody, Mrs. R. M. Gray, Miss Minnie Merine, Miss Leona Burdick, Mr. C. Arthur Peabody, Mr. A. J. Burdick, Mr. Wilbur F. Williams, Mr. W. H. Cline, Mr. E. M. Cline, Dr. J. G. Riddler.

An organization was effected by the election of J. C. Merine as president ; A. H. Cline as reader ; Charles A. Peabody, treasurer ; J. G. Riddler, secretary ; Miss Merine, organist.

Soon after this meeting a room in the Baltimore Block on Twelfth Street, with furniture, organ, etc., was secured, since when regular Sunday morning services have been held with encouraging results. A Sunday school has recently been organized which has also succeeded beyond our hopes.

Our regular attendance at the morning services has been about seventeen, and the Sunday school still more largely attended, so that our small "upper room" is already too cramped, and the question of a larger room or hall is being seriously entertained as a necessity of the near future.

Our treasurer reports Sunday collections as amounting to about fifty dollars since our commencement, and the regular monthly subscriptions as averaging \$16.50 per month.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, wealthy German New-Church receivers, of Westport, Mo., have given us liberal aid, and with their son and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Fleesy, have met with us occasion-

ally. Several others, more or less connected with or interested in the New Church, have met with us frequently, but we know of many more either former New-Church receivers or brought up in the Church, who have as yet given us little or no encouragement.

We trust, however, by securing more convenient and ample quarters, a greatly increased attendance and far better results may be realized, the ultimate end being a flourishing Society, able to sustain a minister, and take a prominent stand among New-Church Societies of the United States ; such a Society, in short, as such a centre as Kansas City should sustain.

J. G. RIDDLE, *Secretary.*

FROM THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE NEW CHURCH IN TEXAS.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America : —*

IN accordance with Article IX. of the Constitution of the General Society of the New Church in Texas, we the Executive Committee of said Society herewith present a copy of said Constitution, and request that the General Society of the New Church in Texas be admitted to membership in the General Convention.

HENRY MASSEY,
JOHN H. RUBY,
A. BORNEFELD.
F. J. FINCH,
JOS. W. RICE,
W. M. MERCER,
W. S. ANDREWS.

ARTICLE IX.

The Executive Committee shall send a copy of the Constitution of this Society to the General Convention of the New Church and request membership in said General Convention.

FROM THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE NEW CHURCH IN IOWA.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

THE scattered and isolated receivers of the Heavenly Doctrines of the New-Jerusalem Church in the State of Iowa, met at Norway, Iowa, Aug. 10, 1889, and organized "The General Society of the New Church in Iowa," with twenty-four members. Present membership (June 14, 1890), one hundred and seventeen.

By the vote of the Executive Committee the Secretary of the General Society has been authorized to make application to be received into membership of the General Convention.

JACOB KIMM, *Secretary.*

FROM THE REV. N. C. BURNHAM, M. D.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:*

BELoved BRETHREN, — I feel moved to express to you the affectionate greetings that warm my heart toward all and each of you. You know, I believe, how happy I should be were I able to be present with you, but I am deprived of that pleasure by physical infirmity. Your cordial, sympathetic remembrance of me, expressed while Conference was in session, is gratefully appreciated. I look forward to meeting you again, if not in this life, then, I trust, in our beloved Jerusalem above.

May the Lord be with you in all your doings and deliberations, mercifully ordering them for the best good of His Church and kingdom!

Affectionately your brother,

N. C. BURNHAM.

FROM THE GERMAN MISSIONARY UNION OF THE NEW-CHURCH IN AMERICA.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America :*

DEAR BRETHREN, — The German Missionary Union of the New Church in America, at its late meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y., on March 12, 1890, instructed the ministers belonging to that body to bring to the cognizance of the General Convention the action of the ministers of the German Synod of the New Church, with respect to their ordination of ministers in violation of the order of the General Convention, of which body these same ministers are members.

The facts as gathered from the *Bote der Neuen Kirche*, Nov. 15, 1887, which paper is the organ of the German Synod are as follows : On Oct. 30, 1887, the Messrs. J. H. Sudbrack, of Burlington, Iowa, and J. C. Menschner, of Newark, N. J., were ordained in the house of worship of the German New-Church Society of Chicago, Ill., by the President of the German Synod, the Rev. A. J. Bartels, who is a pastor of the General Convention, and as such not entitled to exercise such powers. Further ordinations by authority of the Synod are in contemplation. (See *Bote*, Nov. 1, 1889.) Thus there has been originated a new *quasi* ministry of the New Church in this country, recognized by the German Synod, but not acknowledged by the Convention and the bodies connected therewith.

In calling your attention to this matter, we have no other desire than that disorder may be removed, and the unity of the Church and of its ministry preserved, and we hope that the Lord may grant you the wisdom necessary to preserve His Church from injury and from schism.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the German Missionary Union.

F. W. TUERK, Berlin, Can.
C. L. CARRIERE, St. Louis, Mo.
J. H. RAGATZ, Benton Harbor, Mich.
GUSTAVE REICHE, Topeka, Kans.
L. H. TAFEL, Philadelphia, Pa.
P. J. FABER, Baltimore, Md.
J. E. BOWERS, Toronto, Can.
JACOB KIMM, Watkins, Iowa.
WILLIAM DIEHL, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D. D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee (or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECTION 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECTION 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of ——— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have used the income only of the property devised, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consists in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

THIS Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord from His Word in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

ARTICLE II.—*Meetings, etc.*

SECTION 1.—Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

SECTION 2.—All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the Societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

SECTION 3.—Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen; a Council of Ministers, consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with four ministers and six laymen, to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—*Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have superintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V. — *The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE.

"There are things of two kinds which must be in order among men, namely, those that are of heaven, and those that are of the world : those that are of heaven are called ecclesiastical, and those that are of the world are called civil.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers, who shall observe all things that are done according to order, and those done contrary to order; and shall reward them that live according to order, and punish them that live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish; for it is innate in every one by inheritance to desire to rule over others, and to possess the goods of others; whence come enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils : wherefore, unless men were held in check by laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for them that do good; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life for them that do evil; the human race would perish.

"There must therefore be rulers to keep associations of men in order, who should be skilled in the laws, wise, and fearing God. There must also be order among the rulers, lest any, from caprice or inexperience, should permit evils against order, and so destroy it : which is guarded against when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination.

"Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical affairs, are called priests, and their office the priesthood. But rulers over the things among men which relate to the world, or civil affairs, are called magistrates, and their chief, where there is such a form of government, is called a king.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them; they must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the sheep; but they that teach, and do not lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are evil shepherds.

"Priests must not claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, because they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone.

"Priests should have dignity and honor on account of the holy things which they administer; but they that are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom are the holy things, and not to themselves; while they that are not wise, ascribe honor to themselves. These take it away from the Lord. Those that ascribe honor to themselves, on account of the holy things which they administer, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for; but those that give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated with the employment. Personal honor is the honor of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord.

"Priests must teach the people and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one; since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated; for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists.

"As priests are appointed to administer the things which are of Divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer the things which are of civil law and judgment."—H. D., nos. 311–319.

SECTION 1.—A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so long as continued; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 2.—A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECTION 3.—A minister who has been invited by a society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECTION 4.—A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention; or an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of General Pastor in its Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, during his continuance in office; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECTION 5.—When a minister is suspended from the exercise of the functions of his office by authority of an Association or other General Body of the Church, such suspension shall be reported to the Council of Ministers, and by them reported to the General Convention, with their recommendations as to the final disposal of the case. The General Council of the Convention may suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association or other General Body of the Church, which suspension shall in like manner be reported to the Council of Ministers and by them reported to the General Convention. This Section shall not be so construed as to prevent an Association from enjoining a minister from the exercise of his functions within its own limits.

ARTICLE VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote ; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be referred to the General Council or the Council of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting ; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a three-fourths vote of the Convention.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word and prayer, every morning.

SECTION 2.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECTION 4.—All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each session of the Convention.

SECTION 5.—Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order:—

1. Address of the President.
2. Report of the Secretaries.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the General Council.
5. Report of the Board of Publication.
6. Report of the Corporation of the Theological School.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund.
8. Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.
10. Report of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.
12. Report of the Council of Ministers.
13. Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.
14. Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's manuscripts.
15. Report of the American New-Church Sabbath-school Association.
16. Reports of Associations in alphabetical order.
17. Reports of Societies.
18. Reports of General Pastors and Ministers.
19. Special Reports.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. New Business.

When any report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to

the report of the General Council, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above reports until all of them have been read; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECTION 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECTION 8.—When a report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECTION 9.—The *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECTION 10.—The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

SECTION 11.—The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention.

SECTION 12.—The President shall from time to time address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other general bodies of the Church, or appoint some person or persons to do so.

SECTION 13.—All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention or the General Council for adoption.

SECTION 14.—The Board of Publication shall make its annual report to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of the session of the Convention, embracing all matters intended to be brought by it before that body for its action.

SECTION 15.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECTION 16.—The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the General Council; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall judge necessary.

They shall condense and tabulate all reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings; they shall revise the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectively are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECTION 17.—The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other documents sent to this Convention, as soon as received. They shall also under the direction of the President distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies or persons abroad.

SECTION 18.—Meetings of the General Council may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Council, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Council, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Council; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Council at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation.

SECTION 19.—All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution; but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence.

SECTION 20.—The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any committee, or to appoint any committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal. All officers and committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention.

SECTION 21.—There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention, and of nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION 22.—A committee of three persons shall be appointed to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for each meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention; but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention.

SECTION 23.—A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one, two, three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, by the Convention or the General Council, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECTION 24. — When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association or other collective body reporting to the Convention, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretary of the Council of Ministers. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Council to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention. The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of the ministers, and report the same to the Convention.

SECTION 25. — Whenever any person who has been elected a member of the Convention shall become united with an Association, or other collective body of the Church, which is connected with this Convention, his name shall be omitted from the list of those who are members by election.

SECTION 26. — All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECTION 27. — The Constitution and Act of Incorporation shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.
2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)
3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath school and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.
5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15-17.
6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, or other collective body reporting to the Convention, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.
8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following associated bodies:—

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Berlin, Wellesley, Montreal, Toronto, Parkdale, and Hamilton.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Chicago, Batavia, Peoria, Canton, Henry, Wilmington, Jefferson, Wis., La Porte, Ind., St. Louis, Mo., Hutton, and Olney.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Portland, Bath, Gardiner, and Fryeburgh.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Wilmington, Del., Baltimore First German, Washington, D. C., Easton and Preston, Md., and individual members of the Baltimore Society.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Pawtucket, R. I., Mansfield, Fall River, Springfield, Brookline, Salem, Providence, R. I., Newtonville, Waltham, Boston Highlands, Lancaster, Manchester, N. H., Dorchester, and Lynn.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Detroit, Almont, Ypsilanti, Springdale, Grand Rapids, and Leland.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Minneapolis and St. Paul.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

This Association embraces societies and receivers in the States of New York, New Jersey, and part of Connecticut. *Societies.* — New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Paterson, Riverhead, Orange, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., Newark (German), New York (German), Mystic, Conn., Brooklyn (German), and Hempstead, L. I.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Cincinnati, Urbana, East Rockport, Glendale Parish, Pomeroy and Middleport, Newark, Cleveland Parish, O., Richmond and Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe County, Toledo, and Napoleon, Ohio.

THE GENERAL CHURCH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Societies.—Pittsburg, Philadelphia (Advent), Lancaster, Greenford, O., Renovo, Allentown, Brooklyn, N. Y., Concordia, Kans., Erie, Pa., Chicago, Ill., (Immanuel), Delaware Co., and Bethel.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—First Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, Frankford, Vineland, N. J., Allentown, and Allegheny.

SOCIETIES.

Edenfield, Pa.	admitted	1866
Milwaukee, Wis.	"	1867
San Francisco, Cal.	"	1870
San Francisco, Cal., First.....	"	1875
Denver, Colorado.....	"	1879
Savannah, Ga.....	"	1881
Connecticut Association	"	1884
Topeka, Kans.	"	1885
General Society of the New Church in Texas	"	1890
General Society of the New Church in Iowa	"	1890

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D. D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D. D., care Drexel, Harjes, & Co., Paris, France, ordained June 9, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained May, 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, P. O. Box 444, Berlin, Ontario, Can., ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

William H. Benade, 1935 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1846. Ordained June, 1847; consecrated June 8, 1873.

Joseph Pettee, Abington, Mass., ordained July 25, 1838; consecrated July 26, 1874.

John Goddard, Station I, Cincinnati, O., ordained Feb. 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1883.

Jabez Fox, ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

Nathan Clark Burnham, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	Ordained May 29, 1840
William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me.	" June 13, 1851
Samuel H. Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass.	" Aug. 28, 1851
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	" May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.	" April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1911 No. Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo.	" Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 12 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass.	" April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, L.L. D., Elmwood, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
George Nelson Smith, Northport, Mich.	" June 24, 1860
James E. Mills, Quincy, Cal.	" Aug. 19, 1860
Adolph J. Bartels, 410 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. .	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. .	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	" Oct. 7, 1860
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	" Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louis Carrière, 2128 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo..	" May 4, 1862
Edw. Craig Mitchell, 534 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	" Nov. 27, 1862
Edwin Gould, 219 Green Ave, Montreal, Can.	" Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, 1618 Riggs Place, Washington, D. C. ...	" Aug. 23, 1863
Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass.	" June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.	" Oct. 29, 1865
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.	" Oct. 9, 1867

John W. Hunt, 630 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md.	Ordained Oct. 27, 1867
Joseph Worcester, 1407 Jones St., San Francisco, Cal.	" Nov. 3, 1867
John Doughty, 1508 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Cal.	" April 12, 1868
William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	" April 8, 1869
Theodore F. Wright, 38 Quincy St., Cambridge, Mass.	" April 8, 1869
Gustave Reiche, 606 Harrison St., Topeka, Kans.	" May 16, 1869
Leonard G. Jordan, 2536 Continental Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	" June 6, 1869
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Oct. 3, 1869
Samuel S. Seward, 185 Lexington Ave., New York	" Oct. 15, 1869
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal.	" May 1, 1870
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga.	" Sept. 10, 1871
Stephen Jepson, Springfield, Mass.	" Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	" Sept. 29, 1872
E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J.	" Dec. 10, 1872
John Jacob Lehnen, Norway, Iowa.	" May 11, 1873
John E. Bowers, 99 Howard St., Toronto, Can.	" May 11, 1873
William F. Pendleton, 821 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Sept. 3, 1873
Albinus F. Frost, 417 Fourth Avenue, Detroit, Mich.	" Oct. 16, 1873
Warren Goddard, Jr., Brockton, Mass.	" April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Abington, Mass.	" Oct. 15, 1874
Solomon H. Spencer, Germantown, Pa.	" Oct. 18, 1874
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.	" Oct. 24, 1874
Oliver Dyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	" May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, cor. of Aisquith and Fayette Sts., Baltimore, Md.	" June 11, 1876
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	" Sept. 24, 1876
Richard De Charms, 543 South 13th St., Denver, Col.	" Jan. 21, 1877
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	" April 13, 1877
Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa	" Oct. 23, 1877
James Power Smith, Ridgedale, Chattanooga, Tenn.	" March 6, 1878
James B. Parmelee, Hempstead, N. Y.	" June 2, 1878
Julian K. Smyth, 26 Montrose St., Roxbury, Mass.	" Jan. 5, 1879
Fedor Goerwitz, Zum Frieden, Oberstrass, Zurich, Switzerland	" June 1, 1879
William A. L. Campbell, 158 Ave. I, West Galveston, Texas	" June 22, 1879
Orson L. Barler, Beatrice, Neb.	" Nov. 1, 1879
D. Vinton Bowen, Los Angeles, Cal.	" April 8, 1880
Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.	" April 25, 1880
Edward C. Bostock, 432 Carroll Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Sept. 6, 1885)	" June 6, 1880
John Whitehead, 5508 Walnut St., E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa. (May 17, 1881)	" June 6, 1880
Howard C. Dunham, 3401 Gilpin St., Denver, Col.	" Aug. 29, 1880
G. Lawrence Allbutt, 216 Robert St., Toronto, Can.	" Oct. 20, 1880

Thomas A. King, 1825 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md..	Ordained	Mch. 27, 1881
Ellis I. Kirk, Allport, Pa.	"	May 17, 1881
Jacob E. Werren, Abington, Mass.	"	Mch. 26, 1882
Joseph S. David, 3126 Fourth Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.	"	April 6, 1882
Benjamin D. Palmer, Paterson, N. J.	"	April 11, 1882
Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa.	"	June 5, 1882
B. N. Stone, Fryeburgh, Me.	"	Aug. 27, 1882
Eugene D. Daniels, 25 Gregg St., Indianapolis, Ind....	"	June 3, 1883
Eugene J. E. Schreck, 1821 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa. (March 21, 1886).....	"	June 10, 1883
Andrew Czerny, cor. Isabella and Sandusky Sts., Allegheny, Pa. (March 21, 1886).....	"	June 10, 1883
William H. Schliffer, 81 South Second St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. (Jan. 9, 1887).....	"	June 10, 1883
Philip B. Cabell, 827 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	"	Sept. 16, 1883
Samuel C. Eby, Peoria, Ill.	"	June 1, 1884
John T. V. Croy, Riverside, Cal.	"	Feb. 15, 1885
John W. McSarrow, Alvis, Ark.	"	May 31, 1885
Henry Clinton Hay, 9 Linden St., Providence, R. I....	"	Oct. 1, 1885
William L. Worcester, 3502 Hamilton St., Phila., Pa....	"	Dec. 13, 1885
William Diehl, 36 McKibben St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	"	Dec. 20, 1885
Gardiner I. Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	"	Feb. 8, 1886
William H. Alden, 2129 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	"	May 30, 1886
Henry H. Grant, Richmond, Ind.	"	May 30, 1886
Frank L. Higgins, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La.	"	May 30, 1886
John Edward Smith, Easton, Md.	"	May 30, 1886
Thomas Franklin Houts, La Porte, Ind.	"	June 10, 1886
Wellington Hardy Butterfield, Minneapolis, Minn.	"	Oct. 20, 1886
George Mason Davidson, Hoopeston, Ill.	"	Feb. 6, 1887
Michael John Callan, Lynn, Mass.	"	May 20, 1888
George Stevens Wheeler, Bridgewater, Mass.	"	May 20, 1888
Enoch S. Price, 1821 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa....	"	June 10, 1888
Carl Theophilus Odhner, 1821 Wallace St., Phila., Pa....	"	June 10, 1888
Fred E. Waelchli, Berlin, Ont., Can.	"	June 10, 1888
Edward S. Hyatt, 47 Elm Grove, Parkdale, Ont. (June 30, 1889)	"	June 10, 1888
William M. McIntosh, Easton, Md.	"	Feb. 22, 1889
W. H. Acton, Isabella and Sandusky Sts., Allegheny, Pa.	"	June 16, 1889
N. Dandridge Pendleton, 516 Austin Ave., Chicago, Ill.	"	June 16, 1889
George Henry Dole, Grand Rapids, Mich.	"	Oct. 6, 1889
Louis G. Landenberger, Joliet, Ill.	"	Jan. 10, 1890
Albert John Cleare, Union City, Tenn.	"	Mar. 29, 1890
John A. Hayes, 169 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.	"	June 14, 1890
Junius B. Spiers, Savannah, Ga.	"	June 14, 1890
Percy Billings, 101 Free St., Portland, Me.	"	June 14, 1890

AUTHORIZED CANDIDATES AND PREACHERS.

Benjamin Worcester, Waltham, Mass.	Authorized Oct. 7, 1857
Abraham L. Kip, 9 University Place, New York.	" Jan. 12, 1887
Charles B. Chace, Urbana, O.	" Oct. 1, 1887
Francis T. Alba	" Feb. 22, 1889
Louis Rich, Englewood, Chicago, Ill.	" May 25, 1889
G. W. Wiley, Pine Bluff, Ark.	" Sept. 25, 1889
Homer Synnestvedt	" June 7, 1890
Josef E. Rosenqvist	" June 7, 1890
T. Mower Martin, Toronto, Ont.	" July 1, 1890
Albert Bjorck	" July 1, 1890

Officers and Committees for 1890-91.

PRESIDENT.—REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, *3502 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Pa.*

VICE-PRESIDENT.—REV. JOHN WORCESTER, *Newtonville, Mass.*

SECRETARIES.—

{	REV. S. S. SEWARD, <i>185 Lexington Ave., New York.</i>
	MR. C. A. E. SPAMER, <i>215 North Charles St., Baltimore, Md.</i>

TREASURER.—MR. FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *28 State St., Boston, Mass.*

General Council.

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, *Chairman*.

Rev. S. S. Seward, *Secretary*.

Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. John Whitehead, of Pennsylvania; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Robert Carswell, of Canada; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

Council of Ministers.

All the ministers of the Convention, of whom twelve constitute a quorum.

Rev. John Worcester, *Chairman*.

Rev. T. F. Wright, *Secretary*.

Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, *President ex-officio*.

Rev. Joseph Pettee, *Chairman of Executive Committee*.

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, *Secretary*.

Rev. T. F. Wright, Rev. S. S. Seward, Rev. John Worcester, Rev. John Doughty, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. John Goddard, and Rev. L. P. Mercer.

Treasurer, Dr. E. A. Whiston, 169 Tremont Street, Boston.

Directors of the Board of Publication.

(Incorporated April 10, 1883. See Minute 117, Journal 1882.)

President.—Richard A. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary.—Francis J. Worcester, of New-York City.

Treasurer.—Mordaunt Bodine, of New-York City.

Executive Committee.—Messrs. Lewis, Worcester, Bodine, Seward, Ager, Guernsey, Colton, and McGeorge.

Auditing Committee.—Messrs. Worcester and Colton.

TERM EXPIRES 1891.

Rev. A. F. Frost, of Michigan.
 Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Pa.
 H. C. Spencer, of D. C.
 W. N. Hobart, of Ohio.
 G. Woolworth Colton, of New York.

TERM EXPIRES 1892.

Rev. Jabez Fox, of D. C.
 H. W. Guernsey, of New York.
 Rev. W. B. Hayden, of Maine.
 Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois.
 William McGeorge, Jr., of Pa.

TERM EXPIRES 1893.

R. A. Lewis, of Pa.
 Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York.
 F. J. Worcester, of New York.
 Rev. J. Reed, of Mass.
 F. A. Dewson, of Mass.

TERM EXPIRES 1894.

Rev. S. S. Seward, of New York.
 D. L. Webster, of Mass.
 Rev. Frank Sewall, of D. C.
 Mordaunt Bodine of New York.
 Rev. John Whitehead, of Pa.

Board of Managers of the Theological School.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley, *Chairman*.

TERM EXPIRES 1891.

Rev. Chauncey Giles.
 Wm. McGeorge, Jr.
 Rev. W. H. Hinkley.
 Rev. L. P. Mercer.

TERM EXPIRES 1892.

Rev. J. C. Ager.
 Rev. Frank Sewall.
 Rev. James Reed.
 Dr. E. A. Whiston.

TERM EXPIRES 1893.

Rev. S. S. Seward.
 Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D.
 Rev. W. B. Hayden.
 William N. Hobart.

Officers of the Corporation of the New-Church Theological School.

(Incorporated May 17, 1881. See Minute 36, Journal 1880.)

Directors.

Albert Mason, <i>President</i> .	Wm. McGeorge, Jr.	Charles M. Reed.
D. L. Webster.	Wm. N. Hobart.	H. C. Thacher.
Wm. J. Cutler.	Alex. Officer.	F. J. Worcester.
R. A. Lewis.	H. F. Mills.	J. R. Carter.
F. A. Dewson.	George T. Hawley.	Lewis G. Lowe.

Clerk. — Pennington Halsted.

Treasurer. — E. A. Whiston, 169 Tremont Street, Boston.

Trustees of the Building Fund.

William McGeorge, Jr. Philadelphia, *Chairman*.
 George Ropes, Boston, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

TERM EXPIRES 1891.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley.
 Job Barnard.

TERM EXPIRES 1892.

George Ropes.
 W. N. Hobart.

TERM EXPIRES 1893.

J. Shoemaker.
 Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

Trustee of the Rice Legacy.

David L. Webster.

Advisory Committee. — Rev. Joseph Pettee and Mr. F. A. Dewson.

(To be used for publication and gratuitous distribution of the works of Swedenborg; the present surplus to be divided equally between the Board of Publication and the Fund in aid of Mr. Potts's *Concordance*, and after this year to be disposed of, until the next meeting of the Convention in Boston, as the Trustee and his Advisory Committee may determine. See Minute 93, Journal 1888.)

Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.

Francis A. Dewson.
Albert Mason.

Horace P. Chandler.
Charles M. Reed.

Appointed by the Testator. (See Journal of 1864, page 51; to be used for the benefit of the General Convention, but not under its control. See Journal of 1866, pages 49 and 110.)

Committee on Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

Rev. W. H. Benade.
Rev. S. H. Worcester.

Rev. S. M. Warren.
Rev. J. C. Ager.

To Collect Subscriptions for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg.

F. A. Dewson.

Rev. W. B. Hayden.

D. Pomeroy.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

C. A. E. Spamer.

M. G. Browne.

John Pitcairn.

Rev. A. F. Frost.

Wm. N. Hobart.

T. M. Martin.

Rev. E. C. Mitchell.

Rev. John Doughty.

Rev. F. W. Tuerk.

Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

To Raise Funds in Aid of Rev. J. F. Potts.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

David L. Webster.

James R. Carter.

Committee to take Charge of the Building of a House of Worship in Washington, D. C.
(Minute 48.)

Francis A. Dewson.

G. Woolworth Colton.

Job Barnard.

David L. Webster.

Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

H. C. Spencer.

Henry W. Guernsey.

E. Burgess Warren.

J. J. Edson.

Mordaunt Bodine.

George S. Merrell.

George Burnham.

Milo B. Stevens.

Committee on Transportation. (Minute 126.)

J. F. Goddard, Chicago, Ill.

E. Sugden, New-York City.

Committee on New Hymnal.

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Rev. J. K. Smyth.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. John Worcester.

Rev. John Goddard.

Matters Referred to Officers and Committees.

To the General Council.

1. Extension of time of sessions of Convention. (Journal 1890, Minute 95.)

To the Council of Ministers.

1. Translation of the Word. (Journal 1877, Minutes 47-49.)
2. Mr. Cabell's proposed amendment to Section 5, Article V., of the Constitution. (Journal 1889, Minute 111.)
3. Mr. Hinkley's proposed amendment to the same. (Journal 1889, Minute 112.)
4. Mr. Whitehead's proposed substitute for the same. (Journal 1889, Minute 113.)
5. The Bonney resolutions. (Journal 1890, Minute 30.)
6. Memorial of the German Missionary Union. (Journal 1890, Minute 31.)

To the Board of Publication.

1. Publication of Sunday-School Manuals. (Journal 1889, Minute 65.)
2. Printing of the Book of Worship in larger type. (Journal 1889, Minute 135.)
3. The Meday resolutions on *Messenger* Editorials. (Journal 1890, Minute 61.)
4. Publication of new Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84.)

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

1. Funds to be raised for its work. (Journal 1890, Minute 71.)
2. Increase of the endowment fund. (Journal 1890, Minute 72.)
3. Collections in behalf of the Board. (Journal 1890, Minute 73.)

To the President and Secretaries.

1. Time of holding next meeting. (Journal 1890, Minute 94.)

To the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1. Distribution of the Writings in Latin. (Journal 1886, Minute 78, also Journal 1890, Minute 59.)
2. Photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39; Journal 1888, Minute 93.)

To Special Committees.

To raise funds for photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39 and 61 ; Journal 1888, Minute 94.)

To raise funds in aid of the Rev. J. F. Potts. (Journal 1887, Minutes 94 and 99, also Journal 1890, Minutes 96 and 97.)

To National Committee for Building a House of Worship at Washington, D. C.

1. Mr. Sewall's services. (Journal 1890, Minute 50.)

To Committee on New Hymnal.

1. The new Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84.)

Directory

OF PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES, WITH THEIR MINISTERS OR LEADERS.

(Corrections and additions to this list are desired, and may be sent to the Secretaries. See By-Laws, Section 16.)

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Rev. J. W. McSarrow, M.D.

CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles, Rev. D. V. Bowen.

Oakland, ———

Riverside, Rev. B. Edmiston.

San Francisco, Rev. John Doughty.

San Francisco, Rev. Jos. Worcester.

CANADA.

Berlin, Waterloo Co., Rev. F. W. Tuerk.

Hamilton, Rev. E. S. Hyatt.

Montreal, Rev. Edwin Gould.

Parkdale, Rev. E. S. Hyatt.

Toronto, Rev. G. L. Allbutt.

Wellesley, Rev. F. W. Tuerk.

COLORADO.

Denver, Rev. Richard De Charms.

Denver, Rev. H. C. Dunham.

CONNECTICUT.

Mystic, Rev. Joseph A. Lamb.

New Haven, Mr. H. G. Thompson.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Rev. P. B. Cabell.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington City, Rev. Frank Sewall.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, ———

GEORGIA.

Savannah, Mr. T. S. Heyward.

ILLINOIS.

Batavia, Joseph Burton.

Canton, Rev. S. C. Eby.

Chicago, Rev. L. P. Mercer.

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SATURDAY, May 23, 1891.

1. THE Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 2 o'clock P. M. in the House of Worship of the First New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia.
2. The meeting was opened with religious services, conducted by the President, Rev. Chauncey Giles, followed by a report on the Condition and Needs of the Convention.
3. The President then called the Convention to order for the transaction of business.
4. The Rev. Messrs. H. C. Hay, of Massachusetts, and Louis H. Tafel, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Arthur Keyes, of Illinois, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.
5. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.
6. Pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, with general consent, the order of business was suspended to

hear the report of the Massachusetts Association, and the applications for membership of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association and the General Church of Canada of the Lord's New Christian Church, and the report of the Canada Association.

7. The report of the Massachusetts Association was read, and on motion of the Rev. James Reed the request of the Association for the investiture of the Rev. John Worcester with the office of General Pastor was *referred* to the Council of Ministers; and it was *Resolved*, That the consecration of Mr. Worcester to that office be sanctioned by the Convention if approved by the Council.

8. The application of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association to be received as a member of the General Convention was read and *referred* to the General Council.

9. The application of the "General Church of the Lord's New Christian Church in Canada" for admission into the General Convention was read, and also the report of the Canada Association, and it was *voted*, That the application and reports be *referred* to the General Council.

10. The report of the Secretaries was read.

11. The report of the Treasurer was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

12. The report of the General Council was read.

13. The reports of the Corporation of the New-Church Theological School, of its Treasurer, and of the Board of Managers of the Theological School, including that of the President, were read.

14. It was *voted*, That the nominations by the Board of Managers of the Theological School, of the Rev. Chauncey Giles, Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., and Rev. Messrs. Willard H. Hinkley and Lewis P. Mercer as members of the Board for the term expiring in 1894, be confirmed.

15. The reports of the Trustees of the Building Fund, the Trustee of the Rice legacy, and the Trustees of the Rotch legacy, were read.

16. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Delegates to the Convention, reported the

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Ministers.—Rev. S. S. Seward, New York ; Rev. J. C. Ager, Brooklyn ; Rev. Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J. ; Rev. William Diehl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegates.—Dr. A. Goodell, H. W. Guernsey, F. J. Worcester, Dr. John Ellis, J. E. Hubbell, E. Sugden, S. S. Hoyt, New York ; L. E. Wilmarth, J. F. Goddard, Daniel Pomeroy, John Filmer, Harry C. Ager, Brooklyn ; Dr. W. K. Gray, Orange, N. J. ; A. J. Auchterlonie, Elizabeth, N. J.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. John Goddard, Rev. E. A. Beaman, Cincinnati.

Delegates.—A. M. Wagar, East Rockport ; Cyrus Grant, Pomeroy, Ohio.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. John Doughty, San Francisco, Cal.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Chauncey Giles, Rev. Louis H. Tafel, Philadelphia ; Rev. Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J. ; Rev. William L. Worcester, Rev. William H. Alden, Philadelphia ; Rev. John W. MacPherson, Frankford, Pa.

Delegates.—George Burnham, William McGeorge, Jr., Richard A. Lewis, Walter C. Rodman, Frederick Schoff, Edward S. Campbell, E. Burgess Warren, Charles J. Shoemaker, Finley Acker, Philadelphia ; John Crankshaw, Orrin A. Brand, Frankford, Pa. ; N. P. Wiswell, Vineland, N. J.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

Delegate.—Henry G. Thompson, Milford, Conn.

TOPEKA, KANS., SOCIETY.

Delegate.—J. F. Scott.

GENERAL SOCIETY OF IOWA.

Minister.—Rev. J. J. Lehn, Norway, Ia.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., SOCIETY.

Delegates.—Charles Holmes, George Hughes, Jacksonville, Florida.

OTHER MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. S. H. Spencer, Germantown, Pa. ; Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt, Toronto, Canada ; Rev. Albert Bjorck, Stockholm, Sweden.

Ministers	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Delegates	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>108

VISITORS.

Among others were the following visitors : Mrs. William B. Hayden, Mrs. Henry H. Hay, Portland, Me. ; Mrs. Mary E. Alden, Bridgewater ; Miss Margaret C. Worcester, Newtonville ; Miss Sarah A. Payne, Jamaica Plain ; Mrs. Ware, Mrs. James Reed, Miss Josephine S. Reed, Boston ; Mrs. Rebecca B. Hinkley, Miss C. L. Robb, Brookline ; Mrs. Mary A. Kimball, Mrs. F. M. Shaw, Brockton ; Frederick M. Billings, Mrs. T. F.

Wright, Cambridge; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster, Springfield; Miss E. C. Silver, Roxbury; Mrs. Asa E. Goddard, Mrs. Cutler, Miss Grace Cutler, Waltham; Ethel M. Warren, Roxbury; Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Hathaway, Mrs. F. R. Gibson, Boston; Mrs. Julian K. Smyth, Mrs. Francis W. Kittredge, Miss Mabel Wheaton, Mrs. S. B. Wing, Mrs. Horace P. Chandler, Mrs. James S. Conant, Boston Highlands; Mrs. C. D. Withington, Brookline; Miss E. A. Sexton, Stoughton, Mass.; Miss Ida L. Esten, Mrs. Elizabeth Hope, Mrs. George W. Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Oldfield, Miss Mattie Oldfield, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Henry G. Thompson, Milford; Mrs. Ione A. P. Sawyer, Hartford; Mrs. Hotchkiss, Miss Fannie Hotchkiss, Middletown, Conn.; Samuel Waller, Seneca Falls, Mrs. L. Bray, D. H. Klein, Mrs. L. E. Wilmarth, Miss Philippine Diehl, John Czerny, Mrs. Daniel Pomeroy, Brooklyn; Mrs. F. J. Worcester, Miss Emilie C. Hoffman, Miss Lidie K. Seward, Miss Mary Seward, New-York City; Justus W. Hulse, Martha Hulse, Bay Shore, N. Y.; E. H. Phillips, M. D., Cape May; Mrs. Clausine C. R. B. Mann, Orange; Mrs. Mary B. Roeder, Vineland, N. J.; the Rev. B. F. Barrett, Mrs. B. F. Barrett, Gertrude A. Barrett, Germantown; Percy McGeorge, L. W. Hamlin, Augusta Pendleton, A. G. Grant, Miss Sarah R. Welsh, Edith L. Gastel, Margaret S. Preston, Mrs. Hamilton S. Westcott, Jeanette I. Westcott, Mrs. Harriet K. Folwell, Geo. G. Starkey, Miss E. B. Hey, Ezra Hyde Alden, Frances D. Merrick, Elizabeth B. Merrick, Mrs. George P. Maxson, Caroline E. Maxson, Mary Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph J. Tafel, Anna C. Tafel, Alice D. Campbell, Minnie Thomas, Selma E. Boericke, Clara H. Boericke, S. C. Smith, Mrs. S. C. Smith, May L. Smith, Miss Margaret P. Barnes, Philadelphia; Miss Sarah C. Shultz, F. W. H. Shultz, Philipsburg; Mrs. R. L. Hallowell, Hannah Hallowell, S. L. Hallowell, Jane Horrocks, Mary S. Gibson, Ellen S. Levis, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. A. Larzelere, Charles C. Oram, Enoch A. Swope, Mary Swope, Mrs. Lydia F. MacPherson, Mrs. Orrin A. Brand, Miss Mame E. Stearne, Frankford; Miss Laura M. Keech, West Chester, Pa.; Mrs. Eliza C. L. Swift, Miss Anna Vaughan Swift, F. L. Gilpin, Mr. Rupert, Mrs. A. Negendank, Miss Thalia L. M. Ne-

gendank, Miss Greta Negendank, Miss Bertha Negendank, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Rumford, Mr. Zebley, Miss Eva A. Zebley, Miss Eleanora Crownfield, Miss Beaman, James H. Cameron, Wilmington, Del.; Walter Ball, Peter Knapp, Mr. Duvall, Mrs. Margaret Warren, Mrs. Mary H. Beebe, Miss Emily W. Waterhouse, Miss Mabel Cutler, Miss Mary K. Hinkley, Miss Lois Mae Spamer, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Jabez Fox, Mrs. Frank Sewall, Miss Maud G. Sewall, Mr. and Mrs. John Joy Edson, Mrs. L. M. Morehead, Mrs. Job Barnard, Mrs. R. D. Mussey, Mrs. Rosenburg, Mrs. Pascal, Mrs. E. S. Gurley, Miss Jane M. Seavey, Washington; Jerome A. Cox, Preston, Md.; Lewis F. Hite, Virginia; Mrs. Cyrus Grant, Pomeroy; Mrs. E. A. Beaman, Miss Elmira Beaman, Cincinnati; Mrs. Thomas F. Moses, Urbana; Miss Carabel Wagar, Lakewood, Ohio; Mrs. L. P. Mercer, Miss Lucy E. Mercer, Miss Agnes Benson, Chicago, Ill.; E. Z. Butcher, Abilene, Kansas; E. Carswell, J. Carswell, Thos. Baxindine, Toronto, Canada.

17. The report of the Council of Ministers was read.

18. The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions was presented in print, and it was *voted*, That the hour of two o'clock P. M. on Monday, be assigned for the reading and consideration of the report.

19. It was *voted*, That the collection to be taken up during the services on Sunday morning, be appropriated to the general uses of the Convention, and the Sunday evening collection to the uses of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

20. It was *voted*, That the hour of half-past ten o'clock Tuesday morning be assigned for the election of officers, and that a committee of five be appointed to nominate the elective members of the General Council.

21. The Vice-President announced the following named gentlemen the committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council: Rev. C. H. Mann, of New York; R. A. Lewis, of Pennsylvania; Alexander Officer, of Illinois; Rev. A. F. Frost, of Michigan; and W. J. Cutler, of Massachusetts.

22. The Convention adjourned to meet at ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

23. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and the Rev. Thomas A. King conducted the religious services.

24. The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and *approved*.

25. The application of the First New-Church Society of Jacksonville, Fla., for admission into the Convention, was read and *referred* to the General Council.

26. The report of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association was read.

27. The report of the Illinois Association was read, and by unanimous consent so much of the report as relates to the formation of Building Associations, and also the resolutions recommended by the Association, were referred to the Trustees of the Building Fund.

28. The reports of the Maryland, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, and Ohio Associations were read.

29. In the absence of a report from the General Church of Pennsylvania, by general consent, a communication from that body, withdrawing from the Convention, was read and *referred* to the General Council.

30. The report of the Pennsylvania Association was read.

31. In the absence of a report from the Edenfield Society for several years past, it was *voted*, That the General Council be requested to inquire into the present status of the Society and report to the Convention.

32. The reports of the Denver Society, the Connecticut Association, the General Society of the New Church in Texas, and the General Society of the New Church in Iowa were read.

33. By general consent the report of the Trustees of the Lungerich Fund was read, and in accordance with the provisions of the will under which the trust was created, the following gentlemen, namely, George Burnham, Richard A. Lewis, and Louis I. Smith, were nominated to the Conven-

tion from whom to choose a successor to Mr. Edward C. Iungerich, resigned. On motion of Mr. W. C. Rodman, seconded by Mr. Richard A. Lewis, Mr. Louis I. Smith was unanimously elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

34. It was *voted*, That a committee be appointed to receive contributions and subscriptions to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions; and the following named gentlemen were appointed by the President: F. A. Dewson, William McGeorge, Jr., E. A. Whiston, Job Barnard, F. J. Worcester, and W. J. Cutler.

35. The report of the National Committee on the building of a House of Worship in the City of Washington was read, and the claims of the cause presented by Messrs. Spencer and Barnard.

36. The Convention took a recess until two o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

37. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, being the order of the day, was taken up.

The Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, opened the subject, and the Rev. John E. Smith presented the nature and needs of the work in the South; the Rev. L. P. Mercer, in the West; the Rev. John Doughty on the Pacific Coast and in Japan; and the Rev. Albert Bjorck reported the work in Sweden and Denmark.

An appeal was made on behalf of the Board by its President, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, followed by remarks by Mr. Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

38. The committee appointed to receive contributions and subscriptions for the support of the Mission Work reported cash and subscriptions amounting to the sum of \$3,050.

39. The following resolution offered by the Rev. W. H. Hinkley was *referred* to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions:—

Resolved, That the Board of Home and Foreign Missions prepare and report to the Convention a plan for a Board of

Trustees, to receive and hold property that may be devised or bequeathed to the Board of Missions.

40. The following minute offered by Mr. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., was *adopted*:—

The ministers and followers of the Church of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America in General Convention assembled, have heard with deep sorrow of the persecutions heaped upon our Jewish brethren in Russia.

We cannot but condemn the severe laws enacted against millions of our fellow-men by the Government of Russia and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Jewish brethren, and pray that the Lord the God of their fathers may bring to them good even in the midst of their affliction.

41. The Convention adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

42. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. H. C. Hay conducted the religious services.

43. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and *approved*.

44. The Rev. John Goddard, on behalf of the Cincinnati Society, extended an invitation to the Convention to hold its next meeting in the House of Worship of the Cincinnati Society, and it was *voted*, That the invitation be accepted.

45. The hour assigned for the election of officers having arrived, the Rev. Chauncey Giles was nominated for President; the Rev. John Worcester for Vice-President; the Rev. S. S. Seward and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer for Secretaries; and Mr. F. A. Dewson for Treasurer.

46. Mr. F. A. Dewson and Rev. J. E. Werren were appointed tellers to collect and count the votes for President and Vice-President.

47. Rev. P. B. Cabell and Mr. J. R. Carter were appointed tellers to collect and count the votes for Secretaries and Treasurer.

48. The reports of the Rev. John Goddard, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastors, and of the

Rev. S. S. Seward, Ordaining Minister, and of the Rev. Messrs. F. L. Higgins, John I. Herrick, W. A. L. Campbell, and G. L. Allbutt were read.

49. Pending the reading of the above reports, the tellers to collect and count the votes for President and Vice-President reported that the Rev. Chauncey Giles had received the majority of votes for President, and the Rev. John Worcester for Vice-President, and those gentlemen were declared *elected*.

50. The tellers appointed to collect and count the votes for Secretaries and Treasurer, reported that the Rev. S. S. Sew and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer were elected Secretaries, and Mr. F. A. Dewson, Treasurer.

51. Communications from the Rev. Messrs. William H. Benade, William F. Pendleton, Leonard G. Jordan, John Whitehead, Eugene J. E. Schreck, Enoch S. Price, Edward C. Bosstock, N. Dandridge Pendleton, William H. Acton, C. Theophilus Odhner, and Ellis I. Kirk, withdrawing from the Convention, and asking to have their names stricken from the list of ministers, were read.

52. The Secretary announced that he had received a list of the names of about two hundred persons belonging to the "General Church of Pennsylvania" withdrawing from the Convention, and it was *voted*, That the reading of the names and the printing of the list in the JOURNAL is unnecessary.

53. It was *voted*, That the withdrawals of the ministers above named be referred to the Council of Ministers.

54. The committee appointed to nominate the elective members of the General Council nominated the following persons, namely, Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. L. H. Tafel, of Pennsylvania; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Robert Carswell, of Canada; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

55. It was *voted*, That in balloting for the elective members of the General Council the words "for the nominees" shall be taken as a vote for the gentlemen nominated by the com-

mittee appointed to nominate the elective members of the General Council.

56. The tellers to receive and count the votes for the officers of the Convention were appointed to receive and count the votes for the elective members of the General Council.

57. The tellers to receive and count the votes for the elective members of the General Council reported that the gentlemen nominated by the Committee were elected.

58. The report of the Maine Association was read.

59. The General Council reported on the several matters referred to it.

60. The following resolution, with regard to the application of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association, recommended by the General Council, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the application of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association to be admitted to the Convention be granted, and the said Association be duly received; but the Convention does not desire to be understood in this action as approving the provisions in the Constitution of said Association relating to the Ministry, and it expresses the hope that such provisions may hereafter be so modified by the Association as to be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution of the Convention on that subject.

61. The Rev. John Doughty of San Francisco, Cal., the representative of the Association to the Convention, was invited to the platform, and the President gave him the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Convention, and welcomed the Association to all the privileges of other Associated bodies, the Convention rising.

62. The following resolution, recommended by the General Council, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the request of the First New-Church Society of Jacksonville, Fla., be granted, and the Society be received in the usual manner.

63. Messrs. Charles Holmes and George Hughes, the delegates of the Society to the Convention, were called to the platform and received the right hand of fellowship from the

President, and were welcomed to all the privileges of other delegates, the Convention rising.

64. The following preamble and resolution as to the Edenfield Society, recommended by the General Council were *adopted*:—

Whereas, No report has been received from the Edenfield Society for several years past, and it is understood that the said Society has ceased to exist and most of its members have joined other Societies of the Church ;

Resolved, That the name of the Edenfield Society be dropped from the list of bodies composing the Convention.

65. The following resolution regarding the withdrawal of the General Church of Pennsylvania, recommended by the General Council, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the General Convention regrets the action of the General Church of Pennsylvania in withdrawing from the Convention, believing that the Church should be one in the coöperation of its organizations, as it is one in the genuine elements that constitute it ; but we acquiesce in what is beyond our control, with the sincere prayer and trust that the Lord may overrule all our doings to promote the freedom, the activity, the usefulness, the spiritual life, and the final unity of the Church as a whole.

66. The following resolutions regarding the application of the General Church of Canada of the Lord's New Christian Church, recommended by the General Council, were, after a discussion by Messrs. Allbutt, Carswell, Giles, Warren, Reed, and Hyatt, and a statement by Mr. T. Mower, Martin, *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the General Convention earnestly desires to promote the unity of the Lord's Church on earth in accordance with His own teaching and prayer, and therefore deprecates every movement that looks to division.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the two bodies of the Church in Canada, with a view to bringing about a reconciliation between them if possible.

Resolved, That the documents relating to this subject re-

ferred to the General Council, be referred to this Committee for report to the next meeting of the Convention.

67. The report of the New-Church Board of Publication was presented in print and the reading dispensed with.

68. The Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

2 o'clock P. M.

69. The Convention was called to order by the President.

70. The report of the German Missionary Union of the New Church in America was read.

71. The Rev. Joseph Wessler, D. D., formerly a Rabbi of the Jewish Church, and afterward a clergyman of the Church of England, but who has recently become a member of the New Church, was invited to address the Convention, and did so at length, declaring his great pleasure in receiving the doctrines of the New Church, and his earnest desire to bring them to the attention of his brethren of the Jewish faith.

72. The Address of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain to the Convention, prepared by the Rev. John Presland, President of the Conference, was read, and it was *voted*, That the President of the Convention prepare or procure the preparation of a reply to the Address, and send it, with the approval of the General Council, to the Conference in time for its next session.

73. It was *voted*, That Prof. T. W. Harris, of Cambridge, be appointed the Messenger of the Convention to the Conference.

74. A communication from the Rev. C. J. N. Manby, of Gottenberg, Sweden, was read.

75. An Address from the Swiss Union of the New Church was read.

76. A communication from the New-Church Society in Budapest, Hungary, was read, and *referred* to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

77. The report of the American League of New-Church Young-People's Societies was read.

78. Rev. W. H. Hinkley and Job Barnard were elected Trustees of the Building Fund for the term expiring in 1894.

79. The supplementary report of the Council of Ministers was read.

80. The report of the Council of Ministers with regard to the Memorial of the German Missionary Union printed on page 143 of the JOURNAL of 1890, and referred to the Council by Minute 31, was taken up, and the following resolutions, recommended by the Council, were *adopted*: —

Resolved, That we approve of the general principles contained in the above report in regard to the relations of its members to a general body, and in its statements concerning the obligations of the General Convention, and especially of its ministers to comply with its rules in all their official action.

Resolved, That we believe government in the New Church, like all the other things, will be made new, that it will consist in guidance according to universal laws, rather than in arbitrary and personal authority; that its restraints will be kind and brotherly influence, instead of pains and penalties; and that it will conduce to the largest freedom and the most perfect order.

Resolved, That no further action be taken by the Convention concerning the ordinations referred to in the Memorial.

81. The Council reported that it had considered the request of the Massachusetts Association for the investiture of the Rev. John Worcester with the office of General Pastor, and by a unanimous vote, passed May 23, had given its approval to the investiture.

82. The Council reported that it had considered the Bonney Resolutions referred to it last year, and the recommendation of the Council that the resolutions as amended by it be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. S. M. Warren, L. P. Mercer, and Frank Sewall, with full power to perfect and promulgate them, through the "World's Fair Auxiliary," as "A Fraternal Address to the Religious World," was *adopted*.

83. The request of the Council of Ministers that the subject of Article V. Section 5 of the Constitution, and proposed amendments, be continued in its hands, was *granted*.

84. The following changes were *voted* in the list of ministers on the recommendation of the Council of Ministers :

To be dropped from the list of General Pastors on account of resignation : Rev. William H. Benade.

To be added to that list : Rev. John Worcester.

To be added to the list of ministers : Albert Bjorck, Louis Rich, John W. MacPherson, David A. Dryden.

To be dropped from the list on account of resignation : Leonard G. Jordan, John Whitehead, Ellis I. Kirk, Edward C. Bostock, Enoch S. Price, William F. Pendleton, Eugene J. E. Schreck, C. Theophilus Odhner, N. Dandridge Pendleton, William H. Acton.

To be removed from the list of candidates on account of expiration of licenses : Homer Synnestvedt, Josef E. Rosenquist.

To be added to that list : A. E. Pope, T. W. Moore, G. R. Wilson ; and the names of T. Mower Martin and others, if the Secretaries shall be informed in season of their authorization by proper authority.

85. It was *voted*, That the report of the Council of Ministers be accepted and approved.

86. Rev. Albert Bjorck further reported on the work in Sweden.

87. It was *voted*, That Section 25 of the By-Laws be stricken out.

88. Rev. T. F. Wright offered the following minute, which after debate by Messrs. Dewson, Hinkley, Cabell, John Worcester, Dole, Reed, Ager, Mayhew, and Chandler, was *adopted* :—

At the session in 1887, the Committee on the Publication of the Manuscripts of Swedenborg reported in favor of completing the photo-lithographing work, and the Convention provided for the raising of a fund for this purpose, and instructed the Committee, when "in their judgment sufficient funds shall have been collected to warrant a beginning of the work, to take measures for the completion of the photo-lithographing of the Manuscripts of Swedenborg."

At the session in 1888, the Committee on the Manuscripts

reported its readiness to proceed as soon as it obtained information of the funds on hand for the purpose, and the Committee to raise funds for this purpose reported its full organization with fifteen members, and subscriptions amounting to \$5,996.18 already made.

At the session in 1889, the Committee on the Manuscripts reported estimates procured for photo-lithographing the entire remaining Manuscripts, and the Chairman mentioned his intention to visit Europe for the purpose of searching for others which might possibly be found in Holland.

The Committee to collect funds reported that the subscriptions had been increased to \$6,294.89.

At the session in 1890, the Manuscript Committee reported that delay had occurred "owing to want of coöperation on the part of the Church in England," but the Committee "has confidence that the work could soon be put in progress of execution."

After the session the Chairman of the Committee on the Manuscripts, Rev. W. H. Benade, who had not been present, forwarded a letter (printed on page 65 of the minutes) stating that "enterprises of inferior importance have recently received ample support" and declaring that he was "unwilling to aid any longer in maintaining an evident delusion," and requesting to have his name withdrawn from the membership of the Committee.

In view of these facts and of the misunderstanding of Mr. Benade, the Convention hereby reiterates its purpose to complete as early as possible the work which it has undertaken as a sacred trust, and which has been delayed only for the reasons mentioned in the reports of the Committee on the Manuscripts, and of the ill-health of the Chairman, and the Convention instructs the new Committee to be appointed at the present session, to secure the coöperation of all in this and other countries known to be interested in the work, and to proceed with the work as outlined in minutes 29 to 39, JOURNAL of 1887, and the Convention requests the Committee on raising funds to call in unpaid subscriptions and to obtain additional ones in order to complete the fund of ten thousand dollars.

89. Mr. David L. Webster, Trustee of the Rice legacy, nominated Dr. E. A. Whiston as a member of the Advisory Committee to advise with the trustee, in the place of Rev. Joseph Pettee, deceased, and the nomination was *confirmed* by the Convention.

90. Rev. P. B. Cabell offered the following preamble and resolutions which were *adopted* by a rising vote :—

Whereas, Since the last meeting of the General Convention, it has pleased the Lord to remove to the spiritual world our friend and brother, the Rev. Joseph Pettee, therefore,

Resolved, That while we, of the Church on earth, realize in his departure an apparent yet serious loss, we feel assured that the Church in heaven has made an important gain.

Resolved, That for the Society of which he had been the minister, for the Association of which he was General Pastor, and for this body, in whose deliberations he took a life-long interest and an active part, we can ask no greater blessing in the performance of their several uses, than that there be granted to them that spirit of love and gentleness which he had, in such large measure, received from the Lord.

91. It was *voted*, That the Committee to raise funds to aid the Rev. J. F. Potts in carrying on the publication of the Concordance, be continued.

92. The Committee on the new Hymnal reported progress.

93. On motion of Mr. Barnard, the following resolution was unanimously *adopted* :—

Resolved, That we hereby express our most hearty thanks to the Pennsylvania Association and the Philadelphia Society, and to their several organizations and members, for the very cordial and pleasing manner in which we have been welcomed and entertained by them during this Convention.

94. It was *voted*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Committee on Transportation for its services in securing reduced fares, and that the Committee be continued for the ensuing year.

95. It was *voted*, That the appointment of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts and the Com-

mittee to raise funds for photo-lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg be left with the President.

96. On motion of Rev. Mr. Reed it was *Resolved*, That the Convention has heard with pleasure the communication from the American League of New-Church Young-People's Societies and welcomes the signs of interest in the church thus manifested by its younger members.

97. It was *voted*, That the Committee to consider the application of the General Church of Canada of the Lord's New Christian Church consist of the President of the Convention and two others to be appointed by himself.

98. It was *voted*, That when the Convention adjourns it adjourn to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, at a time to be appointed by the President and Secretaries.

99. The minutes were read and approved.

100. It was *voted*, That after singing the 71st Selection and receiving the benediction, the Convention stand adjourned.

CHAUNCEY GILES,
President.

S. S. SEWARD,
C. A. E. SPAMER, } *Secretaries.*

Memoranda.

The Council of Ministers met in Wilmington on Tuesday, May 19, at 3 o'clock P. M., and continued its sessions through the two following days. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. Frank Sewall on "Succession in the Ministry."

Thursday evening there was a public meeting in charge of the Alumni Association of the New-Church Theological School, in the Church of the First Philadelphia Society, at which the Rev. John Worcester spoke on "The Present State of Biblical Criticism in the World Around Us," and the Rev. Frank Sewall on "The Musical Training of Ministers."

Friday morning and afternoon the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association held its meetings, and in the evening there was an exhibition of the Hofmann Pictures, representing scenes in the life of our Lord, accompanied by recitations and songs by the children.

On Saturday morning the American League of New-Church Young-People's Societies held its fourth annual conference.

The General Council met at 9 o'clock A. M., and the Convention was opened at 2 o'clock P. M., on that day.

On Saturday evening the Convention listened to the President's address on "The Unity of the Church ; What it is not, What it is, and How Attained."

On Sunday morning the Rev. James Reed preached at the Church of the First Philadelphia Society on "The Lord's Real Presence in His Second Coming ;" and in the evening the Rev. Julian K. Smyth preached on "The Keystone in the Arch." The attendance in the morning numbered 575, and the offerings for the general uses of the Convention amounted to \$273.87.

The offerings in the evening for the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association amounted to \$150.77.

The Most Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ad-

ministered at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by the President of the Convention, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Mayhew, Wright, H. E. Goddard, Smyth, Roeder, King, Werren, and Hay to three hundred and eighty-seven communicants.

Prior to the communion service, John W. MacPherson was presented by the Pennsylvania Association, and ordained into the ministry by the Rev. Chauncey Giles ; and the Rev. John Worcester, by the request of the Massachusetts Association and with the sanction of the Convention, was invested with the office of General Pastor by the President of the Convention.

Religious services were held also in the neighboring societies as follows :

North-Philadelphia Society. At 11 o'clock A. M., the Rev. A. F. Frost preached on "The Supper of the Great God."

Frankford Society. At 10.30 o'clock A. M., the Rev. S. S. Seward on "Let the Dead Bury their Dead." At 7.45 o'clock P. M., the Rev. Adolph Roeder on "Hidden Powers, and how God uses them in the Formation of Character."

Wilmington Society. At 10.30 o'clock A. M., the Rev. L. P. Mercer on "What the New Church Stands for."

At Vineland, N. J., the Rev. Geo. H. Dole on "The Building of the Temple without the Sound of any Iron Tool."

The Mission Work of the Convention occupied Monday afternoon, and subscriptions were received amounting to \$3,050.00.

On Monday evening a social reception was held at Horticultural Hall, on Broad Street, to which all who were in attendance upon Convention were cordially invited. From six to eight hundred persons were present and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

NO. 1. — REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES.

THE Secretaries report that 1,000 copies of the JOURNAL for 1890 were printed, and disposed of as follows : —

Sent to Associations and Societies	307
To Committee men, Ministers, and Delegates	227
To the English Conference	100
To other Foreign Bodies	63
Reserved for the use of the Convention	100
Retained for future use	203
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	1,000

One hundred copies of the Minutes of the English Conference were received in September of last year, and sent to the ministers, officers, and members of committees belonging to the Convention, as far as they would go.

The usual assessment of 5 cents *per capita* for the general expenses of the Convention was made in November last.

Some communications of an official character have been received by the Secretaries, which will be laid before the Convention at the proper time.

S. S. SEWARD, }
C. A. E. SPAMER, } *Secretaries.*

NO. 2.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE GENERAL CONVENTION
OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

General Fund.

1890.		Dr.	Cr.
	To Expenses of W. H. Hinkley, Secretary . . .	\$50.00	
	" " S. S. Seward, Secretary . . .	77.61	
	" " F. A. Dewson, Treasurer . . .	6.50	
	Printing and Mailing Journal	411.15	
	Balance on hand	339.80	
	By Balance of last account		\$335.79
	Collection at Chicago Meetings		235.57
	Assessment for 1891, Canada Association . .		20.00
	" " Illinois " . .		30.00
	" " Maine " . .		
	" " Maryland " . .		15.35
	" " Massachusetts " . .		87.00
	" " Michigan " . .		18.85
	" " Minnesota " . .		4.25
	" " New York " . .		34.70
	" " Ohio " . .		30.50
	" " Gen. Church of Penn. .		18.35
	" " Pennsylvania Association		29.65
	" " Connecticut " . .		3.00
	" " San Francisco 1st Soc.		5.65
	" " Galveston, Texas, " . .		7.25
	" " Denver " . .		1.35
	" " Topeka " . .		1.40
	" " Iowa " . .		6.40
		<u>\$885.06</u>	<u>\$885.06</u>

Income of Bissell Fund.

1890.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand	\$1,110.25
	Amount received from Trustees	1,200.00
	Balance overdrawn	89.75
	To Amount paid New-Church Board of Publica- tion	\$1,600.00
	Amount paid Western New-Church Union . .	800.00
		<u>\$2,400.00</u> <u>\$2,400.00</u>
1891.		
Apr. 30.	To Balance	\$89.75

Swedenborg Memorial Fund.

1890.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand	\$2,589.85
1891.		
Apr. 30.	Interest to date	145.82
	Balance on hand	<u>\$2,735.67</u>

Fund for Photo-Lithographing Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1890.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand	\$1,426.63
June	Amount received from General Church of Pennsylvania	3-75
1891.		
Apr. 30.	Interest to date	80.35
		<u>\$1,510.73</u>

Income of White Fund.

1890.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand	\$499.09
1891.		
Apr. 30.	Interest	262.67
	To Amount paid Board of Publication for Latin Works sent to Theological Libraries . . .	\$684.00
	Balance on hand	77.76
		<u>\$761.76</u> <u>\$761.76</u>

Concordance Fund.

1890.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand	\$64.70
Sept. 18.	Amount received from Trustee Rice Fund . .	35.00
Oct. 17.	" " " Anna Aitken	25.00
Dec. 22.	" " " E. C. Mitchell	15.00
1891.		
Apr. 30.	" " " Trustee Rice Fund . .	300.00
	To Remittance to Rev. A. Faraday	\$94.70
	" Rev. J. F. Potts	300.00
Apr. 30.	Balance	45.00
		<u>\$439.70</u> <u>\$439.70</u>

Washington Church Fund.

1890.			
Apr. 30.	By Balance on hand		\$356.67
	Amount of Contributions received, as credited		
	in the Messenger	\$25,233.90	
	Less amount accounted for in last account . .	15,268.05	
	Received during the current year		<u>9,965.85</u>
1891.			
Mar.	Borrowed to pay notes falling due for Land . . .		2,500.00
1890.			
	To Amounts paid for account Land purchase: —		
Sept. 17.	Note C. Hood	\$3,630.00	
12.	" R. H. T. Leipold	3,646.67	
1891.			
Mar. 17.	" H. B. Denman	3,630.00	
20.	" on account temporary Loan	500.00	
1890.			
	Interest on Notes: —		
Sept. 17.	C. Hood	\$110.71	
	H. B. Denman	108.90	
12.	R. H. T. Leipold	122.05	
15.	F. P. B. Sands	169.40	
1891.			
Mar. 17.	H. B. Denman	110.71	
	F. P. B. Sands	169.40	
Nov. 12.	Temporary Loan	8.67	
	R. H. T. Leipold	34.92	
		<u>834.76</u>	
	Taxes	\$48.10	
	"	93.48	
		<u>141.58</u>	
	Expenses, Engraving	\$25.75	
	Circulars	32.70	
	Postage	27.75	
	Pictures	7.00	
	Envelopes	8.75	
	Recording	1.00	
		<u>102.95</u>	
	Balance on hand		336.56
			<u>\$12,822.52</u>
			<u>\$12,822.52</u>

NOTE.—The unpaid debt on account of Land is \$7,646.67. Subscriptions unpaid, \$4,585.00.

Income of Sundry Funds.

1891.

Apr. 30.	To Income of Simpkins Fund	\$1,400.00	
	" " Wales Fund	281.52	
	" " Wilkins Fund	212.22	
	" " Jenkins Fund	103.30	
	Paid to New-Church Theological School	\$1,997.04	
	Income of Richards Fund paid Board of Publication	40.00	
	Income credited White Fund	262.67	
	" " Photo-Lithographing Fund	80.35	
	" " Swedenborg Memorial Fund	145.82	
	By Interest on C. H. Pitman's Mortgage	\$110.00	
	" " S. D. Garey's "	169.17	
	" " C. E. Chester's "	250.00	
	" " R. H. Andrews's "	180.00	
	" " G. B. Lapham's "	300.00	
	" " Lake Shore Bonds, Simpkins Fund	1,400.00	
	" " United States Bonds, Richards "	40.00	
	" " Lee, Higginson, & Co. Loan	76.71	
		<u>\$2,525.88</u>	<u>\$2,525.88</u>

Statement of Property on hand.

Cash	\$24.52	
\$20,000 Bonds Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, 7 per cent., belonging to Simpkins Fund	20,000.00	
\$1,000 Bond United States 4 per cent., belonging to Richards Fund	1,000.00	
Mortgage, C. E. Chester, \$5,000, 5 per cent.		
" C. H. Pitman, \$2,200, 5 per cent.		
" R. H. Andrews, \$3,000, 6 per cent.		
" G. B. Lapham, \$6,000, 5 per cent.	16,200.00	
Note on demand, Lewis Wharf Company, 5 per cent.	4,000.00	
Balance due from Bissell Fund	89.75	
Representing the following Funds: —		
General Fund	\$339.80	
Income of White Fund	77.76	
Wales Fund	5,000.00	
Wilkins Fund	3,768.75	
Jenkins Fund	2,000.00	
Simpkins Fund	20,000.00	
White Fund	4,500.00	
Amounts carried forward	\$41,314.27	\$35,686.31

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$41,314.27	\$35,686.31
Richards Fund		1,000.00
Photo-Lithographing Fund		1,510.73
Concordance Fund		45.00
Swedenborg Memorial Fund		2,735.67
Washington Church Fund		336.56
	<u>\$41,314.27</u>	<u>\$41,314.27</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer*.

Examined and approved.

D. L. WEBSTER, }
JAS. RICHARD CARTER, } *Auditors*.

NO. 3. — REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE Council has held two meetings since the last session of the Convention — the first in Chicago, immediately after the adjournment, and the second in Philadelphia, May 23, 1891.

The Council has considered the question of the expediency of extending the time for holding the sessions of the Convention so as to cover one day more (see JOURNAL, 1890, Minute 95), and it was *voted*, That it is the opinion of the Council that no action is necessary, because it is now in the power of the Convention to extend its sessions as long as may be necessary.

The Committee on behalf of the Council having in charge the interests of the Convention in the settlement of the Bissell estate made a full and accurate report of the assets, liabilities, and present condition of the estate, from which it appeared that the Committee had incurred an indebtedness of \$1,400.50 for legal expenses, and the Council *voted*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to borrow from capital belonging to the Convention a sum sufficient to pay counsel fees and legal expenses incurred or to be incurred in the settlement of the estate, and to charge the same, with interest, to the Bissell Fund. It was also *voted*, That the Committee be requested to examine the question of the liabilities of other beneficiaries of the estate for the expenses of settlement, and to take such action as might be found necessary.

S. S. SEWARD, *Secretary*.

No. 4. — REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE present organization of the Board of Directors of the New-Church Board of Publication is as follows : —

Term expires 1891.

Rev. A. F. FROST, of Michigan.
Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.
H. C. SPENCER, of D. C.
W. N. HOBART, of Ohio.
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.

Term expires 1892.

Rev. JABEZ FOX, of D. C.
H. W. GUERNSEY, of N. Y.
Rev. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.
Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois.
WILLIAM McGEORGE, Jr., of Pa.

Term expires 1893.

R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.
Rev. J. C. AGER, of N. Y.
F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.
Rev. JAMES REED, of Mass.
F. A. DEWSON, of Mass.

Term expires 1894.

Rev. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.
D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.
Rev. FRANK SEWALL, of D. C.
MORDAUNT BODINE, of N. Y.
Rev. JOHN WHITEHEAD, of Pa.

OFFICERS.

President. — RICHARD A. LEWIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary. — FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, of New-York City.

Treasurer. — MORDAUNT BODINE, of New-York City.

Executive Committee. — MESSRS. LEWIS, WORCESTER, BODINE, SEWARD, AGER, GUERNSEY, COLTON, and McGEORGE.

Auditing Committee. — MESSRS. WORCESTER and COLTON.

The usual Statement of the business and finances of the Board for the past fiscal year is presented below : —

*Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund.**

Amount placed to the credit of this Fund to April 1, 1891 \$43,403.39

General Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance on hand April 1, 1890	\$198.74	
Interest on Richards Fund	40.00	
Interest on McDonald Fund	466.50	
Interest on Messenger Fund	1,181.63	
From Estate Martin C. Bissell	1,600.00	
Transferred to Manager		\$3,050.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer, April 1, 1891		436.87
	<u>\$3,486.87</u>	<u>\$3,486.87</u>

* It should be understood that the amounts heretofore placed to the credit of the "Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund" have been all expended.

New-Church Messenger Fund.

Total Subscriptions to the Fund	\$21,385.91	
Interest received during the year	1,271.55	
Uncollected Subscriptions		\$2,754.00
Amount invested, Lombard Mortgages		18,600.00
In agent's hands awaiting investment		31.91
Paid to Treasurer for use of <i>Messenger</i>		1,181.63
Balance standing to credit of Income Account		89.92
	<u>\$22,657.46</u>	<u>\$22,657.46</u>

The Mrs. Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund.

Principal of Fund	\$7,300.00	
Interest received during year	466.50	
Amounts invested		\$7,300.00
Interest paid in to General Fund		466.50
	<u>\$7,766.50</u>	<u>\$7,766.50</u>

Messenger Statement.

DR.

To Cost of Paper	\$942.00	
Printing and Typesetting	2,765.43	
Other Publication Expenses	977.91	
Editorial Expenses	2,837.62	
Donations for Free List, omitted in 1890 Report	231.24	
	<u>\$7,754.20</u>	

CR.

By Receipts from Subscriptions	\$4,442.78	
" " Advertisements	228.99	
" for the Free List	149.14	
Income from <i>New-Church Messenger Fund</i>	\$1,181.63	
Loss	1,751.66	
	<u>2,933.29</u>	
		<u>\$7,754.20</u>

Subscription List of <i>Messenger</i> , April 1, 1891	2,379
Free List	243
Exchange List	101
Surplus Copies, about	327

Copies printed weekly 3,050

Merchandise Statement.

DR.	
To Merchandise inventoried April 1, 1890	\$5,715.28
" purchased April 1, 1890 to April, 1891	1,898.51
New Publications, same time	815.14
Expenses, " "	2,426.67
Errors and Omissions in Reports 1889 and 1890	694.67
	<u>\$11,550.27</u>
CR.	
By Merchandise Sales April 1, 1890 to April 1, 1891	\$4,415.57
" on hand, as per inventory, April 1, 1891	4,764.27
Loss	2,370.43
	<u>\$11,550.27</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

DR.	
Cash on hand	\$117.41
Merchandise	4,764.27
Plates, Type, Fixtures, etc.	1,907.18
Accounts Receivable	1,463.29
Cash in Bank in charge of Treasurer	436.87
	<u>\$8,689.02</u>
CR.	
Accounts payable	\$3,797.64
Net Assets	4,891.38
	<u>\$8,689.02</u>

Summary of Income and Expenditures.

EXPENDITURES.	
General Expenses	\$82.70
Loss on <i>Messenger</i>	\$2,933.29
Less	
Income from <i>Messenger</i> Fund	1,181.63
	<u>\$1,751.66</u>
Loss on Merchandise	2,370.43
" Accounts charged off as not collectable	108.08
Amount charged to Dr. C. E. Prentiss	1,539.50
	<u>\$5,852.37</u>
INCOME.	
Treasurer's Receipts, less income from <i>Messenger</i> Fund	\$2,106.50
Net Loss for the year	\$3,745.87
Net Assets, April 1, 1890	\$8,637.25
" April 1, 1891	4,891.38
	<u>\$3,745.87</u>

The Merchandise and *Messenger* statements above given are made up in the main from figures found in the books kept at the rooms, by or under the direction of the Manager. In the last two reports these statements were made up by the Manager himself, and the Board, feeling entire confidence at those times in the Manager's ability and honesty, presented them to the Convention as correct. The Board still thinks it was then justified in feeling such confidence. Dr. Prentiss was appointed Manager about three years ago. His previous services to and interest in the Church were well known to all who are acquainted with the general work of the Church. Careful consideration was given to his appointment and it was made at the solicitation and on the highest recommendation of many of his past friends and associates who are prominent members of the Church. The Board was led to believe that it had been most fortunate in securing the services of a man well equipped for the work and deeply interested in its success.

It now appears that this confidence was entirely misplaced. Early last winter matters occurred which convinced the Executive Committee that an investigation of the books was necessary, and one was accordingly ordered. Dr. Prentiss upon some plausible pretext or other contrived to delay this investigation till March. A competent accountant was then put at work upon the books and a thorough examination has been made.

In the first place it appeared that upon the face of the books there were errors and omissions which entered into the accounts upon which the last two reports were made up, *e. g.*, the rent of the rooms for an entire year was omitted — which show that the Board's net assets were stated at \$694.67 more than should have been in the last report, and this amount has accordingly been carried into this year's expense account.

Next it appeared that the Manager has been making use of the Board's bank account for his private purposes, in paying his own private bills, and in loaning money to his friends by an exchange of checks or drafts, to the amount of many thousand dollars. To some extent these *loans* may have been reciprocated, but it is impossible to tell from any record left upon the books, or elsewhere in our control, to what extent. But in closing the books upon his own figures it appeared immediately that there was a deficit of cash to the amount of \$1,000 or more, and by eliminating many entries

of alleged payments, which were apparently fictitious, and when shown to him admitted so to be, the total deficit in the cash account to the date of this report is \$1,539. It is certain, however, that this does not cover the entire amount of the Board's losses. It will be seen in the *Messenger* statement that the receipts for *Messenger* subscriptions this year are only \$4,442.78, as against \$6,023.82 for last year. It should be borne in mind that this is the amount that has been entered upon the books as received. A laborious examination of the *Messenger's* weekly mailer, which is the only way of checking this account, shows that credit has been given to subscribers for an amount *greatly in excess* of that sum. There are items in the Merchandise expense account which are of a very suspicious character, but which cannot be fully exploited without going into matters outside the account books.

Early in the investigation and before the full amount of the defalcation was discovered Dr. Prentiss caused a mortgage amounting to \$1,500 to be assigned to a member of the Board, as an attempt to make good the deficiency. As the property which the mortgage covers is subject to prior liens, and the amount which can be recovered upon it uncertain, it has not been included among the assets of the Board.

Dr. Prentiss is no longer in the employ of the Board, having been discharged as soon as the above state of facts was established.

It will be seen that the accounts payable amount to \$3,797.64. There is, unfortunately, no reason to doubt the correctness of this item. Members of the Board are personally responsible for this indebtedness, some of which is of long standing. About \$1,800 is owed to one firm for the paper on which the *Messenger* is printed, and there are other accounts which it is discreditable for such a Board as this to leave unpaid. This Board has no business to run in debt at all. Some measures should be taken at once to secure subscriptions from friends of the Board to meet this indebtedness. It has no assets on which it can realize, as only the income of the *Messenger* and McDonald Funds — which are fortunately intact — can be used; nearly all of the moneys available in the near future have been collected by the late Manager and have already been used or misappropriated. About \$3,000 are needed to pay the indebtedness of the *Messenger* and some other equally pressing bills.

Sad as is the above state of affairs, the Board is justified in believing that if its affairs had been honestly managed during the last three years, much more work for the Church might have been done, and the Board still be out of debt, except for it may be a slight deficit on the *Messenger*.

During the year, the Board has published a new volume of the Sabbath-School Manual Series — *Descriptions of the Spiritual World* — of which 1,000 copies were printed. Also, of new editions, they have printed 500 *Hosanna*, 500 *Book of Worship*, Psalter edition, 1,000 *Missionary Liturgy*, 250 Certificates of Marriage, and 250 Certificates of Baptism.

Negotiations have been in progress between the Rotch Trustees and the Board in regard to the publication of the forthcoming volumes of their edition of the Writings, but no final result has yet been reached.

The Board has received from Dr. Samuel H. Worcester the plates of the *Catechism for the Children of the New Church*, conditioned only on the agreement to keep the work in print and on sale.

The matters referred to the Board by the Convention at its last session have been carefully considered, and they respectfully report that,—

1. The printing of an edition of the *Book of Worship* in larger type seems inexpedient, on account of the large cost involved in the making of the plates, and also in view of the fact that steps seem already initiated looking towards the compilation of a new and more complete work than the present one, especially in its hymnal department.

2. The *Sunday-School Manual* has been issued as before mentioned in this report.

3. The publication of a collection of Mr. Mann's editorials in the *Messenger*. In regard to these the Committee has consulted with Mr. Mann, and has reached the conclusion that such a publication would not meet with sufficient pecuniary support to warrant the considerable outlay necessarily involved.

Mr. H. W. Guernsey has consented to act as Manager temporarily, and he is now in charge of the business at the rooms.

RICHARD A. LEWIS, *President*.

F. J. WORCESTER, *Secretary*.

NO. 5. — REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Directors submit their annual report as follows : —

The financial condition of the Corporation is nearly the same as last year. The Endowment Fund remains unchanged at \$58,487.07. The Cambridge Real Estate Fund has increased from \$16,618.19 to \$17,794.19, a gain of \$1,176.00. No increase of funds held by other trustees for the use of the school has come to our knowledge during the year. The President and Fellows of Harvard College have taken action to permit the use of the College Library without charge, by the officers and students of our Theological School. The charge has heretofore been five dollars a year for each student. The same action was taken with reference to similar schools not part of the University. This action is a substantial aid to our work, but the cordial attitude which it indicates is valued quite as much.

In January the Greenough estate, which adjoins the Sparks estate, on which the school is located, was purchased for the Corporation for twenty thousand dollars. At this price the property furnishes a safe investment. It will yield but a moderate return as now occupied, but is susceptible of improvement and more advantageous use for income. That which had greatest weight in inducing its purchase was its situation with reference to the school premises already owned. The two estates comprise the frontage on Quincy Street of the entire square and will both be needed for the school and church uses at Cambridge, if these grow as hoped. The two furnish almost an ideal location for the school and local society to grow, each aiding and strengthening the other. In other hands the most advantageous occupation of the Greenough estate for income might be objectionable to the school premises.

Gratefully acknowledging what the Lord has put into the hearts of liberal donors to do for the Theological School heretofore, we rejoice that its needs are increasing. The efficient maintenance of the school requires increased income, and the need of such increase is immediate. We must continue to urge upon the church the claims of the school for larger endowment.

ALBERT MASON, *President.*

PENNINGTON HALSTED, *Clerk.*

NO. 6.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

EDWARD A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Current Expense Account.

1890.

DR.

May 28.	To Balance as per account rendered to Convention		\$549.59
	Interest on Mortgages:—		
	George S. Woodman	\$267.50	
	Providence Society	235.00	
	John Briggs	220.76	
	O. D. Homer	300.00	
	Brookline Society	400.00	
	B. B. Newhall	165.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,588.26
	Interest on deposit, Bay State Trust Co. .	87.72	
	Interest on Atchison Guarantee Notes . .	1,200.00	
	Interest on Note, West End Street R. R. Co.	179.38	
	Contributions received:—		
	Mrs. J. G. Davis	\$25.00	
	Mrs. Luther Clark	20.00	
	Newtonville Society	100.00	
	Rev. E. C. Mitchell	25.00	
	Mrs. C. M. Keith	5.00	
	Rev. T. F. Wright	50.00	
	A Friend	10.00	
		<hr/>	235.00
	Mass. New-Church Union, Income Lyman Clark Fund	582.51	
	Sales of Correspondence-School Notes .	3.00	
	Amount transferred from Cambridge Real Estate Fund, for Furnishing	200.00	
	F. A. Dewson, Trustee, Income Lydia Wor- cester Fund	1,350.00	
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer General Convention:—		
	Income of Simpkins Fund . \$1,400.00		
	Income of Wales Fund	281.52	
	Income of Wilkins Fund	212.22	
	Income of Jenkins Fund	103.30	
		<hr/>	\$1,997.04
	<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$7,422.91	\$549.59

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>		\$7,422.91	\$549.59
F. A. Dewson, Treasurer New- Church Institute of Education :—			
Income Eliza Jenkins Fund		100.00	
Income M. G. Cary Fund		37.60	
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		137.60	
Rent of Greenough house, 3 months to March 31		250.00	
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			7,810.51
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			<u>\$8,360.10</u>
1891.	CR.		
May 1.	By Paid for Books for Library	\$49.70	
	Janitor and care of Buildings and Grounds	310.50	
	Salaries of Instructors	3,500.00	
	Gas	83.52	
	Stationery and Printing	42.85	
	Interest on Mortgage, Cambridge	900.00	
	Rent of Safe and Sundry Expenses	20.63	
	Furniture	214.77	
	Aid to Students	1,535.00	
	Harvard College Library Fees	45.00	
	Insurance on Cambridge Buildings	220.50	
	Insurance on Greenough House	60.00	
	Repairs on Cambridge Buildings	19.92	
	Fuel	139.00	
	Maps and Case	85.53	
	Insurance on Stereotype Plates	3.13	
	Rent of Greenough house, Jan. 1 to Jan. 7	16.66	
	Interest on Note to April 1, First National Bank	286.67	
	Water Rates	24.30	
	Amount appropriated for services of Treas- urer	100.00	
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			\$7,657.68
			702.42
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			<u>\$8,360.10</u>
	Balance, deposited at Bay State Trust Co.		

Endowment Fund.

1890.	DR.	
May 28.	To Cash balance on deposit, as per account	\$1,285.26
May 31.	G. S. Woodman, payment on Mortgage note	300.00
June 21.	Providence Society, payment on Mortgage note	300.00
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	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,885.26

1891.]

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	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	<i>\$1,885.26</i>	
Nov. 14.	J. Briggs, Mortgage note paid	5,000.00	
1891.			
April 8.	West-End Street Railway Co., note paid	7,500.00	
	Temporary Investment in Cambridge Real Estate Fund retransferred to this Fund	331.81	
			<u><u>\$14,717.07</u></u>
1890.			
	CR.		
Dec. 5.	By Investment in note of West-End Street Railway Co.	\$7,500.00	
	Balance of this Fund	7,217.07	
			<u><u>\$14,717.07</u></u>

Cambridge Real-Estate Fund.

1891.		DR.	
May 1.	To Sundry Contributions to date	\$17,794.19	
			<u><u>\$17,794.19</u></u>
1891.		CR.	
May 1.	By Cash paid on account of purchase of Sparks Estate	\$14,850.00	
	Amount paid for repairs, alterations, and furnishing	2,300.00	
	Balance of this Fund	644.19	
			<u><u>\$17,794.19</u></u>

Greenough Estate.

1891.		DR.	
Jan. 6.	To First National Bank, Boston, on note	\$20,000.00	
	Balance due Funds	7,500.00	
			<u><u>\$27,500.00</u></u>
1891.		CR.	
Jan. 6.	By Amount paid for this Estate	\$20,000.00	
April 8.	Amount paid First National Bank on note	7,500.00	
			<u><u>\$27,500.00</u></u>

Balances of Funds.

Endowment Fund	\$7,217.07
Cambridge Real-Estate Fund	644.19
	<u><u>\$7,861.26</u></u>
Less invested in Greenough Estate	7,500.00
Cash balance on deposit, Bay State Trust Co.	<u><u>\$361.26</u></u>

Total Amount of Endowment Fund.

Mortgage on Church, etc., Brookline	\$8,000.00
Mortgage, O. D. Homer, West Newton	6,000.00
Mortgage, G. S. Woodman, Newtonville	5,200.00
Mortgage on Church property, Providence, R. I.	4,700.00
Mortgage, Stephen Jennings, South Boston	6,000.00
A. T. & S. F. R. R. Guarantee Notes	20,000.00
Investment in Greenough Estate	7,500.00
Balance of unpaid subscriptions	1,370.00
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	\$58,770.00
Less amount of Cambridge Real-Estate Fund in these investments	282.93
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	\$58,487.07

E. A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 1, 1891.

Examined and approved.

WM. J. CUTLER,	} <i>Finance Committee.</i>
F. A. DEWSON,	
JAS. RICHARD CARTER.	

NO. 7. — REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE report of the President, herewith submitted, contains so full a statement of the condition of the school, and of its work for the year, that little need be added to it. It is pleasant to record so considerable an increase in the number of students, and to testify, as some of us can from our own personal observation, to the earnest and admirable spirit which has prevailed among them. We cannot, however, forbear to comment on one remarkable fact. Nine out of the ten students were born and brought up in other churches than ours, and five have been preachers in various Protestant denominations. Why does the material for our Theological School come so largely from the outside? Why is it not supplied to a greater extent from our New-Church families? The latter is the source whence we should naturally expect it to be drawn, and the question may well be asked whether there be in our church life or home life such a lack of genuine spiritual interest as would make the work of the ministry seem unattractive. Can it be that our young men are surrounded by

influences which cause worldly occupations and successes to appear more desirable than those which bear direct relation to the things of heaven? We ask the question without attempting to answer it.

That there is abundant need of good New-Church ministers, all experience attests. The report of our President shows how readily employment has come to the students the present year; and other fields are known to be waiting for those who shall be prepared to occupy them. The Managers feel that they cannot exaggerate the importance of the work which the school is attempting to perform.

The members of the Board whose terms of office expire at this time are Rev. Chauncey Giles, William McGeorge, Jr., Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, and Rev. Lewis P. Mercer. We hereby nominate them for re-election by the Convention.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Chairman.*

JAMES REED, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

TEN students have been in attendance the greater part of the year. Mr. Cleare (a student of two years ago), Messrs. Schafer and Flemming, of last year, Messrs. Hite, of Virginia, Billings, of London, Savory, of California, Brönniche, of Denmark, Lyman, of Iowa, Prosser, of Pennsylvania, and, since the first of January, Lathbury, of Connecticut. There has been no graduating class doing the third year's Scriptural work; but Messrs. Brönniche, Cleare, Hite, Lyman, Prosser, Savory, and Lathbury (since Jan. 1), have taken the first year's work with Professor Wright—in *Heaven and Hell*, the *Divine Love and Wisdom*, and the *Divine Providence*—the others also attending a part of the time; and Messrs. Cleare, Schafer, Flemming, Hite, Billings, Lathbury, Savory, and Lyman have taken the second year's doctrinal course with the President.

All the students have had two exercises a week in *Correspondences*, with the President, and one exercise a week in the *Arcana*.

Professor Wright has had one exercise a week in Homiletics, a lecture or a sermon, and a plan for another being read and discussed each time. He has also given an additional hour every week to exercises in English writing, which relieved the homiletic hour of this elementary work. Morning prayers have been conducted regularly under Mr. Wright's charge. He closes his report by saying, "nothing

has been more encouraging than to see the affectionate relation which the students, coming from widely scattered homes, have maintained among themselves."

In addition to his work in the school, Mr. Wright has conducted services every Sunday, morning and afternoon, in the school chapel, together with a Bible class following the morning service. With a view to learning the language and forms of thought of the young men around us in the University, he has also for two years taken several courses in Philosophy, and has now passed his examination successfully for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Professor Werren has had two classes in Hebrew, the younger class consisting of Messrs. Hite, Lyman, Savory, Billings, and Prosser, and the advanced class of Messrs. Schafer, Cleare, and Lyman. The beginners have read three chapters of Genesis, with careful study of all the points of etymology and syntax involved, and thorough drill in the verbs, nouns, pronouns, and numerals. Some portions of the Hebrew have been committed to memory. The advanced class has read the book of Joel and several chapters from Genesis and from Daniel in Hebrew, and a considerable portion of the Aramaic of Daniel, giving careful attention to the differences between the two dialects.

Professor Werren has had also a class in Greek, consisting of Messrs. Savory, Billings, and Flemming. They have been reading from the Gospel of Luke. In Latin he has had Messrs. Savory, Billings, Schafer, Cleare, Flemming, and Brönniche. They have read 229 numbers of the *Arcana*, embracing all that is said of the "Earths in the Universe." He reports zeal and interest on the part of all the classes, and all appear to appreciate his painstaking, thorough work.

No elementary teaching in Greek and Latin is provided by the school, but Mr. Hite has given Mr. Prosser valuable drill in the elements of Latin.

Dr. Dike has been absent through the year on a journey around the world, giving special attention to the oriental races. He has accumulated many observations which no doubt will be helpful in illustrating the races and the customs of the ancient churches. In his absence Rev. James Reed has given a course of lectures and conversations upon the general history of the Christian Church, which have added a valuable element to the instruction of the year.

The department of elocution has been conducted by Mr. Franklin Coues, who has given six hours a week to the development and train-

ing of the voices, individually and in classes. His work has been intelligent and thorough, and he has given the students a command of their tones which will be invaluable to them when they have learned to use it habitually in their work.

Our relations with the University in Cambridge are pleasant. Mr. Wright has preached once in the College Chapel. The Corporation of the University has given us the use of the College Library free of charge. The Directors of our school have purchased the dwelling-house adjoining the school land, which gives us the whole front on Quincy Street, between Kirkland and Cambridge Streets. No better location could be desired ; and now there is ample opportunity for the expansion, which no doubt will slowly become necessary in the future.

Our students when well prepared for work find abundant demand for all they can do. Of the six students of last year, Mr. Spiers is preaching in Savannah, Mr. Billings in Portland, Mr. Björck is doing good work in Stockholm, and two are still in the school. This year Mr. Cleare is serving in Salem, Mr. Schafer in Springfield, Mr. Lathbury in Fall River, Mr. Hite has taught successfully a large doctrinal class in Roxbury, and Messrs. Lyman and Billings have frequent calls to supply vacant pulpits in the neighborhood.

Most of the present students will retain their connection with the school another year, to profit by the Scriptural study, even if constantly preaching elsewhere.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President.*

NO. 8. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

THE Trustees have very little to report this year except to give the figures of the Fund at their disposal. The Treasurer's account, herewith appended, gives all the facts, to which there is nothing to be added except to say that the mortgage was made in the manner reported to Mr. C. Augustus E. Spamer as trustee, in order to comply with the laws of the State of Maryland. It was doubtful whether our Board could lawfully hold this mortgage in their own name directly.

No demand has been made upon the Trustees for help, and no effort to increase the Fund. It is not doubted that when there is a real necessity for money to help some Society the means may be forthcoming.

The terms of Rev. W. H. Hinkley and Job Barnard, two of the Trustees, expire this year, and it will be necessary to fill the vacancies by the election of Trustees to serve for three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McGEORGE, JR., *President.*

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

1890.

June 14.	To Balance on hand per account rendered Convention	\$318.94
July 10.	Received payment of note of Trustee of Preston Society of Caroline Co., Maryland	40.00
	Received from Jas. H. Douglass, Secretary, amount paid for recording fee	2.62

1891.

May 19.	Interest from Massachusetts Loan and Trust Co.	11.61
May 22.	Received from James H. Douglass, Secretary, payment of note of Trustees of Preston Society, at 2 years from April 22, 1889	40.00
May 25.	Balance on hand at this date	<u>\$413.17</u>

Memorandum of Securities held by the Treasurer : —

Notes of the Trustees of the Preston Society of the New-Jerusalem Church of Caroline Co., Maryland, Charles H. Whitby, President, and James H. Douglass, Secretary, payable to Christian Augustus E. Spamer, Trustee : —

dated April 22, 1889, payable 3 yrs from date	\$40.00
" " " " 4 " " "	40.00
" " " " 5 " " "	40.00
" " " " 5 " " "	1,000.00

Cash deposited with Mass. Loan and Trust

Co.	\$362.49
Cash in Treasurer's hands	50.68

413.17

\$1,533.17

The above notes of the Preston Society are secured by mortgage from that Society, Charles H. Whitby, President, to Christian Augustus E. Spamer, with a Declaration of Trust from said Trustee to the Trustees of the Building Fund of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer*.

E. & O. BOSTON, May 25, 1891.

Examined and Approved.

D. L. WEBSTER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JAS. RICHARD CARTER,	

NO 9. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE RICE LEGACY.

D. L. WEBSTER, TRUSTEE, *in account with* THE RICE LEGACY.*Receipts.*

	DR.	
1890.		
June 18.	Cash balace, per report	\$68.25
July 25.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R. 1st mortgage, 4 per cent Bonds \$2,500. Coupons July 1 . . .	50.00
Sept. 1.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R., Income Bonds \$2,000. Coupons Sept. 1	55.00
Oct. 1.	First National Bank 24 Shares, Dividend No. 54, 6 months to date	144.00
1891.		
Jan. 1.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R. 1st mortgage, 4 per cent Bonds \$2,500. Coupons Jan. 1 . . .	50.00
April 1.	First National Bank 24 Shares, Dividend No. 55, 6 months to date	144.00
May 15.	Interest on account to May 1st	5.48
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$516.73</u>

Amount brought forward \$516.73

Disbursements.

1890.	Cr.		
Sept. 16.	Cash paid F. A. Dewson for Mr. Faraday . . .	\$35.00	
16.	Mass. New-Church Union, books for A. Bjorck	20.00	
Oct. 23.	Mass. New-Church Union, books for W. H. Alden	36.12	
1891.			
Jan. 23.	Mass. New-Church Union, books for C. Lathbury	18.53	
23.	Mass. New-Church Union, N.-J. Magazine for F. Putnam	2.00	
23.	Mass. New-Church Union, N.-J. Magazine for C. D. Rice	2.00	
23.	Mass. New-Church Union, Children's Magazine for C. D. Rice	2.00	
April 13.	Mass. New-Church Union, books for Rev. G. F. Stearns	3.60	
May 5.	F. A. Dewson for Potts Fund	300.00	
9.	Mass. New-Church Union, books for G. W. Savory	23.83	
		<hr/>	443.08
	Balance on hand as Cash May 1st . . .		<u><u>\$73.65</u></u>

Property of The Rice Legacy, May 15, 1891.

24 Shares Stock First National Bank of Boston at \$255	\$6,120.00
\$2,500 First Mortgage 4 per cent. Bonds Atchinson, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. at \$77.50	1,937.50
\$2,000 Income Bonds Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. at \$45.50	910.00
Cash on hand, deposited with Webster & Co.	73.65
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	<u><u>\$9,041.15</u></u>

D. L. WEBSTER, *Trustee.*

I have examined the foregoing account and find it to be correctly stated and properly vouched.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON.

NO. 10. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTCH LEGACY.

1890.

May 1. Balance on hand as per last report \$1,741.84

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society . . .	\$250.00	
“ “ J. R. Carter	300.00	
“ “ J. B. Wiggin	131.75	
“ “ A. D. Colby	37.50	
Interest on Bonds, Eastern R. R.	180.00	
“ “ Desposit, New-England Trust Co. .	36.85	
Dividend, Bank of Redemption	210.00	
Royalties, Board of Publication	4.45	
Total Income		\$1,150.55
A. D. Colby, on account Principal	\$100.00	
Portland Society, on account Principal	500.00	
		<u>600.00</u>
		\$3,492.39

Payments.

Plates of Heaven and Hell and Arcana . . .	\$1,206.54	
Insurance	63.78	
Travelling and Sundry Expenses	36.29	
Mortgage, A. D. Colby	600.00	
		<u>1,906.61</u>

1891.

May 1. Balance on hand \$1,585.78*Property on Hand.*

Cash	\$1,585.78	
35 Shares Bank of Redemption	3,804.70	
\$3,000 Bonds Eastern R. R.	2,782.50	
Mortgage, Portland Society	4,500.00	
“ J. B. Wiggin	2,200.00	
“ J. R. Carter	6,000.00	
“ A. D. Colby	1,150.00	
		<u>\$22,022.98</u>
Books, Plates, etc, which cost		16,313.86
		<u>\$38,336.84</u>

FRANCIS A. DEWSON,	} Trustees.
ALBERT MASON,	
CHAS. M. REED,	
HORACE P. CHANDLER.	

NO. 11. — REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE Council met at the close of the last session of the Convention and organized for the year by choosing Rev. John Worcester, Chairman, and Rev. T. F. Wright, Secretary, and assigned to sub-committees the subjects referred to it. Gladly accepting the kind invitation of the Wilmington Society the Council assembled in its church, May 19, at 3 P. M., and continued its sessions either for business or for conference through the two following days.

Among the papers presented at the conferences were one on New-Church Education, by Rev. L. P. Mercer; on the Ordaining Function, by Rev. W. H. Hinkley; on the Revised Old Testament, by Rev. L. H. Tafel; on the Miraculous Conception, by Rev. J. K. Smyth; and others by Messrs. John Goddard, Cabell, and Wright. The annual address to the Council was delivered by Rev. Frank Sewall on "Succession in the Ministry."

On the subject of the memorial of the German Missionary Union, printed on page 143 of the last JOURNAL, and referred by minute 31, the Council would report as follows:—

There are universal principles of the Divine order clearly revealed in the writings of the New Church concerning the relations of individuals to Societies, and of Societies to larger bodies of which they form a part. These principles ought to enable us to come to wise conclusions on all questions of a nature similar to the one referred to us. These principles are prior to all rules of order, which any body may adopt for guidance in the conduct of its affairs. They are laws of Divine order and inhere in the nature and essential relations of men.

They are organized in the material body and revealed in visible forms, in every variety of action and relation of one organ to another in its least and largest forms. The essential principle is this. Every individual or lesser body ought to regard the highest good of the whole organization in all its action, and the whole body should respect the highest good of every member of it. The whole heaven and every society and individual in it is organized according to this law.

Applying this principle of the Divine order to the General Convention and the members that compose it, we are led to the con-

clusion that in the government and conduct of its affairs, its members are under the same law, and that this principle cannot be violated without harm to the whole body and to the Church without as well as within it.

The Convention has adopted rules for the introduction of men into the office of teaching the truths and administering the sacraments of the Church. These rules may not be perfect, but they are the best we have been able to form. According to these rules those who enter the ministry are authorized to perform certain specific uses, and their action is limited to those uses. The ministers who belong to the General Convention, practically agree to be governed by these rules, and as long as they are members of this body they are morally bound to conform to them.

When they take upon themselves to perform uses which they have not been authorized to perform, and which have been specially assigned to others, they not only violate the rules of the body of which they are members, but they act contrary to that higher law of charity which requires us to regard the good of the whole body and every member of it.

The higher law of loyalty to the general body, of kind and delicate regard for the opinions and feelings of the members, and respect for the sincerity and honesty of intention with which the general body is working to accomplish the purpose for which it was organized, is violated. The fine bond of love for a common end, which is stronger and more precious than any artificial rules, is weakened, and the harmony of thought and action is disturbed.

By common consent the office of the minister is the most important use committed to men. It must therefore be essential to the highest good of the Church that those who assume its duties should be men of good character and natural endowment, specially fitted by nature, and as well prepared as time and circumstances will permit for the performance of their duties. It is especially important that they should have the sanction and confidence of their brethren in the ministry and the people generally. This will give them a freedom and power which are not possible to any one who works alone or with only a partial support from his brethren.

There may be local and special instances in which immediate action is thought to be too urgent to wait for the sanction of the

general body. But such cases are not common, and generally it will be found that the order and harmony of the whole body is disturbed by such action, and that in the end nothing is gained by departing from the principle in the special and exceptional instance.

We are brethren ; we are working for a common end — the establishment of the Lord's kingdom on the earth. We have no desire to exercise any undue or arbitrary authority, or to hinder any one from performing the greatest use in his power. The government of the Church should not be arbitrary or one of restraint merely. It should be kind and helpful ; it should consist in leading by truths originating in love and applied by affection, and in all cases should look to the good of the whole body, and as far as possible gain its assent and coöperation.

In this spirit, and in accordance with these general principles, and in their application to the case referred to us, we recommend to the General Convention the adoption of the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That we approve of the general principles contained in the above report in regard to the relations of its members to a general body, and in its statements concerning the obligations of the members of the General Convention, and especially of its ministers, to comply with its rules in all their official action.

Resolved, That we believe government in the New Church, like all other things will be made new ; that it will consist in guidance according to universal laws, rather than in arbitrary and personal authority ; that its restraints will be kind and brotherly influence, instead of pains and penalties ; and that it will conduce to the largest freedom and to the most perfect order.

Resolved, That no further action be taken by the Convention concerning the ordinations referred to in the memorial.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

At a session held after the adjournment of Convention May 23, the request of the Massachusetts Association for the investiture of Rev. John Worcester with the office of General Pastor was considered, and the Council by unanimous vote gave its approval to the investiture.

On the subject of the resolutions offered at the last session by Mr. C. C. Bonney, of Chicago, the Council would report that, after much deliberation, it has prepared a series of resolutions and would recommend that Messrs. Warren, Mercer, and Sewall be appointed a committee with full power to perfect the language of the same, and to promulgate them through the "World's Fair Auxiliary," as a "Fraternal Address to the Religious World."

The Council would ask that Article V., Sect. 5, be continued in its hands, as it hopes to present a report next year.

The Council recommends the following changes to be made in the list of ministers, namely: —

The name of Rev. William H. Benade to be removed from the list of General Pastors on account of resignation, and the name of Rev. John Worcester to be added.

To be added to the list of ministers: Albert Bjorck, Louis Rich, John W. MacPherson, and David A. Dryden.

To be removed from the list of ministers on account of resignation: Leonard G. Jordan, John Whitehead, Ellis I. Kirk, Edward C. Bostock, Enoch S. Price, William F. Pendleton, Eugene J. E. Schreck, C. Th. Odhner, W. Dandridge Pendleton, and William H. Acton.

To be removed from the list of candidates on account of expiration of license: Homer Synnestvedt and Josef E. Rosenquist.

To be added to the list of candidates: A. E. Pope, T. W. Moore, G. R. Wilson, and the names of T. Mower Martin and others, if the Secretaries of Convention be informed in season of their authorization by proper authority.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

No. 12.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions presents the following Report:—

The Executive Committee.

THE Board appointed at the last meeting of the Convention consisted of the President of the Convention, *ex officio*, and the Rev. Messrs. Pettee, John Worcester, Wright, Hinkley, Seward, John Goddard, Sewall, Mercer, and Doughty. At a meeting of the Board held in Chicago, June 25, 1890, the Rev. Mr. Hinkley was reelected Secretary, Dr. E. A. Whiston, Treasurer, and the Rev. Messrs. Pettee, Worcester, Wright, and Hinkley, the Executive Committee, Mr. Pettee to be the Chairman of the Committee.

On Feb. 15, the Rev. Mr. Pettee was removed to the other life. The last meeting of the Committee which Mr. Pettee was able to attend was held on July 23, in Boston, when the resolution was adopted to send Mr. Albert Bjorck to Stockholm. The latter was ordained by Mr. Pettee August 17, on application of the Board. His last official acts therefore were rendered in the service of this Board, of which he had been Chairman so many years, giving it his wise counsel and constant supervision.

After Mr. Pettee became unable to attend its meetings, the Rev. Mr. Worcester was chosen Chairman of the Executive Committee, and has since acted in that capacity. This Committee has held meetings nearly every month, and the operations of the Board have been directed by it, it being impracticable to convene all the members of the Board in general meeting. The President of the Board has been kept advised of its doings, has been consulted, and has given the Committee advice and suggestions from time to time.

General Operations.

The annual report of the Board to the Convention of last year was mailed, after the Convention, to a considerable number of persons who were subscribers to its funds, or known to be favorable to its work. The attention of the Societies of the New Church throughout the country was called to the resolution of the previous year, asking that offerings be made in the churches on the last Sunday in October, with what result the Treasurer's report will show. Circulars with subscription blanks were also sent out to a large number of per-

sons in all parts of the country. By these two methods, and the call for contributions from those assembled at the meeting of Convention, all our funds have been obtained. The whole amount received from all sources since our last report has been \$5,685.62, of which \$760.00 has been contributed to the Endowment Fund. The Treasurer's Report will show details of receipts and disbursements.

The policy of the Executive Committee has been to encourage all efforts to make known the doctrines of the New Church which seemed likely to be useful.

We have kept up and sustained all the missions of last year, and, as will be seen from the statement hereunder of "Work of our Missionaries," some new efforts have been made. The experience of the past has taught us that it is better to carry on the work already begun than to attempt new movements in unknown fields. When a call has come for aid, or for a missionary, we have endeavored to meet it, when it seemed practicable to do so. Doubtless, if larger means were placed in our hands we could do more in places not yet visited by our Missionaries, but as the Board is under obligation to pay yearly salaries, in whole or in part, to at least three Missionaries sent out by the Board, it is our duty to provide for all our obligations already incurred before making new ones, especially when these Missionaries are dependent upon the Board for the expenses of their living.

Reports have been given from time to time in the *New-Church Messenger* of the work of our Missionaries, either by our Secretary or by the Missionaries themselves. These reports embrace only the work of the Missionaries employed directly by this Board. Several of the State Associations are aided by us to support their own mission work. This is the case in Michigan, Canada, Minnesota, California, Maryland, and Texas.

When we survey all the mission fields in this country covered by these Associations and this Board, it will be seen that the operations carried on by the New Church in America are by no means insignificant, involving the employment of at least twelve men, and the expenditure annually of more than twelve thousand dollars.

WORK OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

THE Board, learning that the Rev. J. E. Werren was about to visit Nova Scotia last summer, engaged his services for missionary visits to St. John in New Brunswick, and New Annan and other places in Nova Scotia. He reported that he had met with a kind reception, and had preached to audiences of New Church people and others gathered in the neighborhood of New Annan. He also visited St. John. The Rev. T. F. Wright visited St. John and preached and lectured there, and administered the Holy Supper.

Michigan.

The Board has continued to aid the Michigan Association in sustaining the Rev. Geo. Nelson Smith, whose labors in the northern part of the State have proved very useful. Accounts from this Association show that his work is fully appreciated, and that they are desirous of keeping him employed in this field.

Canada.

A division has taken place in the Canada Association, a portion of its members, with the Rev. Lawrence Allbutt, seceding and forming a new Association under the name of the "General Church of Canada." The Board recently received an application from the Canada Association, asking for the usual appropriation of \$100 to aid them to support their Missionary, the Rev. J. E. Bowers, and it was thought best to appropriate one half of that amount to this Association.

Kansas and Missouri.

The Rev. Mr. Reiche has continued to serve the Topeka, Kansas, Society, and has visited Pawnee Rock, Reno Co., Hazelton, and other missionary stations in that State, and also Kansas City, Mo., where a small society has begun to be formed. An arrangement was made at the end of January for him to visit Kansas City every fourth Sunday in each month, the Topeka Society consenting to his absence.

Mr. Reiche soon afterwards was taken sick. For some weeks he was in a very low condition of health, and his recovery was for a time despaired of, but he is now in the way of recovery.

Minnesota.

The mission work in this State develops slowly. The Rev. Mr. David has two or three places which he visits and he is always ready to meet calls. In connection with the Society in Minneapolis, this work seems to call for the support of this Board. The Minneapolis Society is not a large one, and seems unable to furnish an adequate salary to its minister. The Minnesota Association has made application for a continuance of our aid, and in view of all the circumstances their application will doubtless be granted.

California and Oregon.

As stated in our last report to the Convention the formation of an Association of the New Church on the Pacific Coast has brought the question of Missionary labor in that region more prominently to our notice, and has led to our contributing funds to aid that Association in its missionary work. The Rev. Mr. Doughty, who will be present at the approaching meeting of the Convention, will doubtless make known the wants of the New Church in California and Oregon.

In addition to the work of the above-named Association, this Board sent out the Rev. Mr. David, of Minneapolis, Minn., to Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., last summer. His visit, which included Portland, Ore., was productive of good results. It seems probable that a minister can be employed ere long to supply the wants of Seattle and Tacoma.

Arkansas.

The Rev. J. W. McSarrow, of Batesville, Ark., was engaged by the Board in November last to do missionary work in that State for the period of three months. He has visited Hot Springs, and other places. The Board has not yet received a full report from him.

Texas.

For three years past the Board has been trying to secure the services of a minister who would become the pastor of the Galveston Society and General Missionary Pastor for the State of Texas. The labors of Messrs. Daniels, Reiche, and Wood in this field were very satisfactory in many respects, but the time allowed them, each winter season, was not sufficient. The formation, last spring, of a General Society in Texas, with its head-quarters at Galveston, seemed to call more strongly than ever for a settled minister.

On the nineteenth of last November the Rev. Jabez Fox met the Executive Committee in Cambridge, Mass., and, after full consultation, accepted this position — his service to begin the first week in January. He arrived in Galveston on Jan. 3, and since then has been preaching regularly and lecturing in the church there, with much acceptance. He has also visited Milano, Milam County, preaching and visiting the people. He has laid plans for a missionary tour throughout the State, which will begin on June 1 next. The field is an extensive one, and the receivers of our doctrines few and scattered; but Mr. Fox has had much experience in this kind of work and is not likely to fail or be discouraged. Our friends in Texas coöperate heartily with this Board in our efforts to extend the influence of our teachings among the people of their State.

Savannah, Ga.

After the adjournment of the Convention, last year, the Savannah Society engaged the services of the Rev. J. B. Spiers to become their pastor, his labors to begin early in October. This arrangement was carried out at that time, the Board agreeing to pay a part of Mr. Spiers's salary, until the Society should be able to support him fully, which they expect to do in another year.

The arrangement has proved satisfactory on both sides. The Savannah Society is small, but they have shown a strong devotion to the cause of the New Church and have made many sacrifices for it, and having a good church edifice, an endowment fund of about ten thousand dollars, and an earnest and faithful pastor there seems to be good reason to hope that the Church will be firmly established in their midst.

Jacksonville, Fla.

The recent visit of the Rev. J. E. Smith to this State has awakened new and deeper interest, especially in Jacksonville; and it looks now as if Jacksonville would follow Savannah, and call a pastor, and erect a church building. The reorganization of the Society by well-known and responsible citizens, their determination to connect themselves with the Convention and the pledging of their means to secure the services of a minister are strong evidences of progress in the right direction.

In other parts of the State there are small groups of receivers, and if a minister could be settled in Jacksonville all the New-Church people in Florida could be visited and cared for.

Tennessee.

The Society at Chattanooga continues under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. P. Smith. During his last summer vacation he visited his old charge at Crossville. The friends there were encouraged by his return even for a few weeks, and were moved to make new efforts. Their little Church was put in complete repair and renovated. They then thought of trying to obtain a minister who would live with them and serve them. The members are somewhat scattered, some living at a distance from the town.

With the assistance of the Board they obtained the services of the Rev. Louis Rich, of Chicago, who has been ministering to them since the first of January. Mr. Rich has entered upon his work with good spirit, and hopes to help the Society to become stronger and to do some missionary work in some of Mr. Smith's circles in White Co.

In Chattanooga but little progress has been made towards a church building beyond securing a lot of ground. They have lost by death the past year one of their strongest supporters, and may lose another who contemplates moving to California.

Mr. Smith writes: "We have a very interesting Sabbath School of four classes, including a Doctrinal Class. We have also a Reading Circle which meets every Monday night and is usually well attended. We have a 'Woman's Working Society' in connection with the Church, which is doing most excellent service for the Society. This Society has recently bought an organ which was yesterday presented to the Church. Altogether our Society is more thoroughly and compactly organized than ever before, and much more firmly fixed in their determination to establish our Society on enduring foundations, and are now working together in great harmony."

Maryland and Virginia.

The Maryland Association has its own Mission Board, and provides for some labor within its somewhat extensive territory. No regular system however has yet been adopted by it. This Board has contributed towards the support of Rev. J. E. Smith's mission on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but while this has proved a fruitful field demanding a great part of Mr. Smith's time, there are other portions of Maryland and Virginia which need attention. On his return from his recent visit to Florida Mr. Smith stopped in Richmond and lectured there. It is hoped that city and Petersburg, as well as Lynchburg, Liberty, Abingdon, and other points in Southwestern Virginia will be provided for ere long.

FOREIGN FIELDS.

Switzerland and Germany.

The Executive Committee voted last fall to make an appropriation of one hundred dollars to aid the Rev. Mr. Goerwitz, of Zurich, Switzerland. The "German Union" has resolved itself into a publication Society and will bend its energies to this work, having made arrangements to purchase a portion of the large stock of New-Church books owned by Mr. J. G. Mitnacht. The Swiss New-Church Union has also arranged for the purchase of a quantity of books from the same stock.

Mr. Goerwitz is still conducting New-Church services in Zurich. There are also circles in Berne and in Eastern Switzerland which he visits. The small Society organized by Mr. Goerwitz in Vienna in 1888 still sustains Sabbath worship and is visited by him once a year.

In Germany he visits Esslingen near Stuttgart once or twice a year to hold Divine services and administer the sacraments. He continues to publish his monthly paper, *Monatblätter*, which serves as an organ of communication for the New-Church people in Switzerland, Germany, and Austria.

Italy.

The following report has been received from Signor Scocia: —

To the American Board of Home and Foreign Missions: —

DEAR FRIENDS AND BROTHERS: In spite of the adverse times which we are at present passing through, it rejoices me to inform you that the progress of the Heavenly Doctrines among the Italian people has not been arrested. The precious writings of Swedenborg find every day new purchasers and readers in every part of Italy. Among these readers it is pleasant to note a good number of Catholic Priests.

The sale of these writings during the last months of the year now passing has been such that the first three works of Swedenborg published in Italian have been almost entirely disposed of, and I would already have issued a second edition of them if I had had a large enough place to put them in, my house being already too much incumbered by the remains of all the former publications.

But what has not been done will be accomplished before long. Thanks to the Divine Providence of the Lord, the plan which I had occasion to propose in my report of the past year is on the point of being carried out. After much searching I succeeded finally in finding a very convenient house in one of the best known

and healthiest quarters of the city, where are also living several Italian and foreign families which have shown an interest in our doctrines. In this house there is enough room for the deposit of the remains of the old and for the future editions of our books. There is, moreover, a large room for meetings and Sunday worship capable of holding comfortably fifty persons. Thither in the coming October I will transfer my home, and will inaugurate the external worship of the New Church.

As for the work done by me in the current year, I have the pleasure to say that, besides the selling of the books and the numerous correspondence with the friends and adherents of our doctrines, I have been able also to undertake the revision of three works already translated and published which had to be reprinted. Beyond that, I have translated another work of Swedenborg, that "On the Last Judgment and Babylon Destroyed," which will be given to the press as soon as possible.

Much good seed then has been sown this year, and we must wait for it to blossom and bear fruit in its season.

Also this year I have the painful duty of mentioning the loss of a noble and generous friend, Mrs. Mary Allen, of Glendale, Ohio, warmly devoted to the Italian Mission, which for many years she helped by a gift of a hundred dollars (\$100). Mr. Henry D. Allen, her nephew, wrote me, under date of Jan. 4: "A short time before her illness, she (Mrs. Allen) had instructed me to send you \$50 at the usual time (Easter); but as she had not made any provision for it in her will, it can now hardly be done."

According to this communication, I must hold this assistance entirely lost for the sacred work in Italy. Nothing remains but to hope that other noble spirits and generous hearts, such as Mrs. Allen, will succeed to the place which she has left empty in the world.

But in order not to remain in an inactive expectation, remembering the proverb which says, "God helps those who help themselves," I have published in the past year a photograph of Emanuel Swedenborg in two large sizes, hoping that the sale of them would procure me some help for the continuance of the publication of the Writings of the New Church in Italian. Unfortunately, even this modest hope has been deluded, since, so far, I have hardly recovered the cost, or the money expended at the photographer's for four hundred portraits, one hundred and fifty of which remain unsold. Notwithstanding these little disappointments I have no reason at all to complain. The generous assistance of \$400 which I have received from you, dear brethren, for the current year, has consoled me when unsuccessful. I recognize in your generosity the hand of the Divine Providence which supplies thus from one source that which has failed to come from the other. I am immeasurably grateful for it.

Dear friends and brethren, in the midst of all these difficulties I humbly give thanks to the Lord that my faith and my courage have never been weakened. I am convinced that our work can have no other than a slow effect, having to do with the propagation of new doctrines, which up to the present time are only to a few exactly and completely known.

But these doctrines being truth spiritually revealed by the Lord for the salvation of the inhabitants of this earth, their acceptance, although slow, will be nevertheless unailing. Certainly the New Church will illuminate with its shining light the ages to come, and that magnificent prophecy which we read in Revelations

(xxi. 24) will have its most full fulfilment: "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

Respectfully,

Your grateful and obedient servant in the New Church,

LORETO SCOCIA.

FLORENCE, 18 Via Pier Capponi,

16 May, 1891.

[Maud G. Sewall, Translator.]

The Board regards the work of Signor Scocia of great importance to the Church, and deserving larger support.

Denmark.

The following extracts from a letter recently received from the Rev. Wilhelm Winslow, of Copenhagen, will show somewhat the state of the New Church in that city:—

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: My work within our New-Church Society has been carried on during the past winter months as before, and with hopeful results. It has been a time of happy activity, and my efforts to be of use to my brethren have been understood and appreciated.

My weekly lectures seem to have given much satisfaction. Part of last winter, I lectured on the first six chapters of the *Apocalypse*. This time, therefore, I commenced with the seventh chapter, and expect to be able to finish the *Apocalypse* a few weeks hence. It was my aim, when I commenced, not to select a few of the more striking passages here and there for consideration, but to give my hearers as full a view as possible of the spiritual contents of each chapter and of each verse throughout, at the same time trying to do it in such a manner as would be likely to preserve the interest of the audience undiminished to the end. This I considered all the more necessary, because the *Apocalypse* has not been translated into Danish yet, and but few of my people would be able to read it in any foreign language. I have used my utmost exertions to accomplish this purpose, and to judge from the attention with which I have been listened to all along, I think I have not been entirely unsuccessful.

Several new members have joined the Society of late, but, on the other hand, three of the older ones have emigrated to America, and two have gone to Germany. Thus, we never gain a little but we are suffering losses at the same time. So far, however, we have always gained more than we have lost. Last Sunday, two young students from the University were present at our service. They seemed favorably impressed, and uttered a desire to enter into a fuller investigation of the doctrines of the New Church.

The Society is thankful for the great help bestowed by the Board of Missions, both in relation to the rent of chapel, and as regards our two young friends who are now preparing for the ministry at Cambridge. They supply us with much

material for happy and grateful consideration, and we all feel highly encouraged at the prospect of greater usefulness in future, when we shall have the pleasure to see them in our midst again.

With kind regards to the members of the Board and other friends of the Danish Mission, and the assurance of our heartfelt gratitude, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

WM. WINSLOW.

No. 6 Sindshvilevej, Copenhagen, F.

April 17, 1891.

Sweden.

Some changes have taken place in Stockholm in the past few months. At the close of the summer our Missionary, the Rev. Albert Bjorck, began his work in that city as the Minister of the old Society of Believers. His efforts have been very satisfactory to its members, and he has cultivated friendly relations with Mr. Boyesen and his congregation. A Publication Society has been formed composed of members from both of these Societies and other New-Churchmen in Sweden. This Society has assumed the publication of *New-Church Tidings* of which the Rev. Mr. Manby was formerly editor, and Rev. Mr. Bjorck has been appointed editor. The *Tidings* will be the organ of the Publication Society. The prospects of the New Church in Sweden seem to be improving. The subjoined letter has recently been received from the Rev. Mr. Boyesen : —

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the New Church in the United States of America : —

DEAR BRETHREN : One year has passed since last we had the pleasure of writing to you, but we are glad of being able to report to you that our congregation has made good progress during the year. We have hired a much larger and very beautiful place of worship, which is very much like a church building, and as a consequence the number of the hearers has considerably increased, and twenty-two new members have been added to our Society. Nobody, who has any true religious interest, can now have any objection to enter our place of worship, and this circumstance, together with the lectures in the week, are probably the cause of the above-mentioned increase.

The Sunday School has continued its work, and four young people have, through confirmation, entered the church.

Books and tracts have been sold and lent out after service on Sundays. I have issued a little book : "On the Second Coming of the Lord, explanation of MATTHEW xxiv., the consummation of the age, and the principal rules for the spiritual explanation of the Word." This book has been very favorably mentioned by friends in your country, here in Sweden, and even in Denmark and Norway.

Missionary trips have been made to different parts of this country and the numbers of the hearers are always increasing.

Referring to my last report to you, I will mention that some friends have formed a New-Church Printing Society in Stockholm, and we hope that this will contribute very much to the spreading of the writings of the Church amongst us.

Thanking you heartily for the brotherly kindness which you show towards us, and asking you kindly to have us in charitable remembrance, we pray that the blessing of our Lord may rest upon the General Convention and the Board of Missions of the New Church in the United States. On behalf of the New Church in Scandinavia,

Sincerely and affectionately,

A. BOYSEN.

April 1891.

In conclusion the Board would invoke the serious attention of all the members of the General Convention, and of all believers of the Heavenly Doctrines, to the importance of the mission work of the New Church. The results that have thus far attended our efforts may seem small, viewed from a natural stand-point, but from a higher point of view they will be seen to affect the most important interests of humanity. We are as yet only in the infancy of the Church, but the infant will grow to the stature of a man, and as we nourish and sustain the Church now, doing our part faithfully, and sending forth laborers into the vineyard who will labor from the love of saving human souls, the "little one will become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation."

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President.*

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

E. A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1890.

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May 31. To Balance on hand, as per account rendered to Convention	240.32
Amounts received as per monthly statements in New-Church Messenger: —	
Contributions for general purposes not specifically designated by contributors . .	\$3,504.09
For General Home Missions	706.55
Rev. J. E. Smith's work	15.00
Texas	225.00
Southern Work	92.50
General Foreign Missions	98.50
Italian Mission	120.40
Swedish Mission	25.00
Danish Mission	10.00
Switzerland	12.00
Distributing Books	13.50
Income from Endowment Fund	86.51
Interest on Bank Deposit	16.57
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	\$4,925.62
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	\$5,165.94
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May 12. By Amounts paid to date, as follows: —

Rev. J. P. Smith, Salary 1 year to May 31 . .	\$425.00
Rev. G. Reiche, Salary 11 months to April 30	418.34
Rev. J. E. Smith, work on Eastern Shore, Md.	200.00
Rev. J. E. Smith, Southern tour, Salary and Expenses	269.92
Rev. Jabez Fox, on account, Salary	275.00
Rev. Jabez Fox, Expenses	49.70
Dr. B. B. Barmore, work in Texas	15.00
Rev. J. S. David, work in State of Washington	50.00
Rev. J. B. Spiera, Salary, 7 months to April 30	233.33
Rev. J. W. McSarrow, work in Arkansas . .	125.00
Rev. Louis Rich, Salary to April 30	50.00
Rev. Louis Rich, Expenses	20.55
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Amount carried forward	\$2,131.84

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,131.84
Rev. J. E. Werren, Services and Expenses in Nova Scotia	164.00
Rev. T. F. Wright, Services and Expenses in St. John, N. B.	30.00
C. H. Flemming, work in South Dakota . .	50.00
C. H. Flemming, Expenses	10.00
Work in Michigan Association	100.00
Work in Minnesota Association	150.00
Work in Canada Association	50.00
Work in Pacific Coast Association	300.00
Work in Kansas City	50.00
Rev. Wm. Winslow, Denmark, Appropriation for year	150.00
Rev. Wm. Winslow, for rent of chapel . .	50.00
Prof. Loreto Scocia, Italy	400.00
Rev. A. Bjorck, Stockholm	425.00
Rev. C. J. N. Manby, Gottenberg	100.00
Rev. F. Goerwitz, Switzerland	100.00
Books sent to Missionaries	6.99
Cost of Annual Report	34.65
Mailing Report, postage, expressage, and sta- tionery	38.41
Printing Circulars, etc.	17.50
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	\$4,358.39
Balance on deposit at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	807.55
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	<u>\$5,165.94</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1890.

DR.

May 31. To Cash balance on deposit, as per annual ac- count	\$206.88
Sundry Contributions as per acknowledg- ments in New-Church Messenger	760.00
A. T. & S. F. R. R. Scrip sold	17.89
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	<u>\$984.77</u>

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May 12. By Deposit in Boston Five Cents Savings Bank	\$908.97
Deposit in Franklin Savings Bank, Boston .	30.20
Cash balance on deposit	45.60
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	<u>\$984.77</u>

Total Amount of this Fund.

\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Bond	} cost . .	\$900.23
\$50.00 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Scrip		
\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Bond .		
\$50.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Scrip .		
Deposit in Franklin Savings Bank, Boston . .		1,030.20
Deposit in Boston Five Cents Savings Bank . .		908.97
Cash balance on deposit		45.60
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		<u>\$2,885.00</u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 12, 1891.

Examined and approved.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Auditor.*

NO. 13. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE Association held its twenty-fourth annual meeting at the church in Philadelphia, corner of Chestnut and Twenty-Second Streets, on Friday, May 22, occupying the entire day. There was an unusually large attendance of representatives and friends of the schools of the country, and the accounts rendered of the condition and work of the latter were reasonably encouraging and quite suggestive. The President of the Association gave an address upon the teaching of doctrine in the Sabbath school, and practical papers upon Infant-Class Instruction and Sunday-School Music were presented, and listened to with great interest. The reports of the several committees showed that the work assigned them had received careful attention, and that there had been the constant endeavor to seek out the best methods and the most helpful instrumentalities for the furtherance of the uses in view.

The evening was devoted to an impressive exhibition of the Hofmann pictures, representing scenes in the life of the Lord, which was witnessed and enjoyed by a very large audience.

The increasing work of the Association is making larger demands upon its treasury than hitherto, and not less than two hundred dollars will be required for the expenses of the ensuing year. To meet these demands, it is asked that the Convention allow the usual collection in behalf of the work of the Association to be taken during the service on Sunday evening.

WM. L. WORCESTER, *President.*

WILLIAM H. MAYHEW, *Secretary.*

NO. 14. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NEW-CHURCH
YOUNG-PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

THE League held its fourth annual conference in the Sunday-school room of the First Philadelphia Society, on Saturday, May 23, from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., the attendance numbering nearly two hundred and fifty — including fifty delegates, representing nineteen Societies — making it by far the largest meeting yet held. Reports were read from twenty-three Societies, and two others reported informally. Six Societies were admitted to membership — the number of enrolled Societies now being twenty-nine, of which, however, three are practically non-existent. The reports in the main indicated a hopeful degree of activity among the young people of the church in church work of many kinds, and an increasing interest in distinctively religious thought and work. The annual address by Mr. Hay was particularly helpful, and the entire session was marked by a general desire to learn new ways of usefulness, and an absence of any spirit of dissension or apathy.

The League has now been in existence for three years, during which time the number of Young-People's Societies in the Church has more than doubled, while the interest and activity have increased to a still greater extent. While in a large measure this is due to the efforts of the League, we must gratefully acknowledge the encouragement we have received from the larger bodies and associations of the Church, especially during the past year.

Respectfully,

EZRA HYDE ALDEN, *President.*

WM. J. HOE, *Secretary.*

Reports of Associations and Societies.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Berlin	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	220
Wellesley	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	60
Parkdale	Rev. E. S. Hyatt	15
Montreal	Rev. E. Gould	9
Hamilton		9
Total		313

THE General Pastor is the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Ont.

The pastor of the Berlin Society has, as heretofore, divided his labor between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies — three Sundays out of four were given to the Berlin and the fourth Sunday to the Wellesley Society. The morning Divine worship in Berlin was alternately held one Sunday in the English and the other Sunday in the German language, while the evening services were all held in German. Mr. Tuerk is still the editor of a German periodical, called the *Neukirchenblatt*, published monthly by the German New-Church Mission Union in Philadelphia. He has been assisted by Rev. Messrs. L. H. Tafel, P. J. Faber, and William Diehl.

In Berlin the pastor has solemnized five marriages; baptized two adult persons and thirteen children; confirmed five young persons, between fifteen and twenty years; administered the Holy Supper every three months; and officiated at two funerals, both of which were adults.

The school of the Berlin Society will cease to be a Society school after the present term; but the head-master, the Rev. F. E. Waelchli, has the intention of opening the school next September as a private school, assisted by the same staff of teachers that are now engaged in the work.

The Wellesley Society has had Divine service every fourth Sunday. Two adult persons were baptized and one child; one person was confirmed, and the Holy Supper administered once during the year; otherwise it is in the same condition as last year.

In the Montreal Society there has been an increase of interest in the Church, during the past year. One new family has joined it, having removed there from the West. The reading meeting, which has been held on Sunday evenings, has been very well attended, and those who attended have seemed to enjoy the reading very much. The work read is the *Arcana Celestia*, GEN. xvi.-xviii.

The Hamilton Society consists of nine or ten members, only three of whom (as far as I know) have been baptized into the New-Church faith. During the last year, the missionary of the Association has preached in Hamilton about half of the time — the attendance averaging fifteen persons.

In Parkdale the work is being conducted on the same lines as previously reported. There have been a few additional members received, and one death, during the past year. In the Doctrinal Class, they have studied *The Doctrine of Faith* and *The Doctrine of Life*, and are now engaged upon the work on *Conjugal Love*. The attendance at the class, during the past winter, has been double what it has been previously. Since November last, the pastor has conducted a small school which, it is hoped, will be developed in the near future sufficiently to provide New-Church education for all the children connected with the Society. At present the provision only extends to the older boys.

The Canada Association gratefully acknowledges, among its contributions, the receipt of fifty dollars from the General Convention, which has helped us in the missionary work.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Berlin from the seventeenth to the twentieth of September next.

Encouraged by the request of the President of the General Convention in his circular of March 10, to the Presidents of the Associations, to make their reports to the General Convention somewhat more important and interesting, and that "even the difficulties and failures, with their causes, may be useful to others in showing them how to avoid or overcome them," I feel it to be my duty to add to my general report a statement of the difficulties which have disturbed the Canada Association, during the past year, and have caused a part of the Association to become separated from it, and to form another body.

On Jan. 16 last twenty-seven persons of the Toronto Society,

four from Berlin, one from Paris, Ont., and one from Bridgeport, Ont., — thirty-three persons — met in Toronto, and formed what they call "The General Church of Canada." They then "resolved unanimously that Mr. T. M. Martin be appointed a licensed preacher and lecturer under the sanction of the General Church of Canada, being the same office he held in the Canada Association." (See *The Star in the East*, February, 1891.)

This act of this newly-formed body was not, as you see, in agreement with the Constitution of the General Convention, which provides that a candidate for the ministry be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister of an Association, or the General Convention on recommendation of an Association.

The principal cause of the withdrawal of the Toronto Society from the Canada Association was the non-renewal of Mr. Martin's license by the Canada Association. A year before this, Mr. Martin was licensed to preach in accordance with Article IV. of the Rules for License and Ordination of the Canada Association, under which rule he himself made the application, "for the purpose," as he stated it, "that it would be of use for me to lecture and explain the doctrines in those out of the way places where no kind of religious service exists."

At our last annual meeting held in Berlin, from July 24 to 26 last, Mr. Martin made application for the renewal of his license. This was brought before the meeting under the same Rule IV., as a matter of course. This rule reads as follows : —

Authorization or ordination may be granted to other persons [that is, others than provided for in Article III.] who have been baptized by some authorized minister of the New Church, and are of such known age, acquirements, and reputation as to induce the Association to grant the same by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

When the vote was taken it was found that not two thirds of the votes of the members present were in his favor, consequently the General Pastor of the Association could not renew his license. So the Rule ruled, and not at all the President, as was afterwards said by Mr. Martin. No complaint was made against the decision during the session, but three weeks after the meeting, namely, on Aug. 17, I received the following letter from Mr. Martin : —

NORTH DRIVE, ROSEDALE, Aug. 15, 1890.

Rev. F. W. Tuerk, General Pastor:—

DEAR SIR,— It appears to some of us here in Toronto, on a careful reading of our rules for license and ordination, that an error has been made in requiring a two-thirds vote of the Association for the renewal of my license to preach, as although Article IV. requires a two-thirds vote in granting a license, it says nothing about any renewal being required; and Article II., which mentions renewals as being required for the candidates admitted according to Article I., still does not require a two-thirds vote, but simply the voice of the Association, which means the majority, and a majority vote was in my favor.

Kindly let me know your decision on this point as soon as you can, as we hold our third Society meeting over this business on Wednesday next, and I shall also be glad to have your decision to embody in my appeal to the General Convention, which I am now drawing up.

I am yours, truly,

T. M. MARTIN.

To this letter I answered as follows:—

BERLIN, Aug. 18, 1890.

Mr. T. M. Martin, Toronto:—

DEAR SIR,— Your communication of the 15th inst. was duly received. As to the decision of the last meeting of the Canada Association concerning the renewal of your license to preach, etc., I have taken the matter into consideration, but I cannot see that I have any right to alter this decision. Your application of last year, after its preamble, reads as follows: "I now, therefore, for the sake of use and order, apply to you, under Article IV., of the Rules for License and Ordination, as General Pastor of the Association, and through you to the Association, to authorize me to preach and lead in public worship for one year. My object, in this application, is not to elevate myself into a place of honor, but simply to perform a use in an orderly manner, for my experience leads me to think that it would be of use for me to lecture and explain the doctrines in those out of the way places where no kind of religious service exists."

Now this license was granted to you, last year, according to your wish, under *Article IV.*, and for *one year*. This year you applied for a renewal of your license under the same Article IV., and according to this Article the vote was taken by the Association. I cannot see that I have any power now to alter that decision. But you may try again at our next meeting.*

Yours truly,

F. W. TUERK, *General Pastor.*

These are the facts which caused the withdrawal of the Toronto Society from the Canada Association, and the formation of the

* NOTE.— The next meeting was to be held in Toronto, as Mr. Martin well knew. F. W. T.

above mentioned body called "The General Church of Canada." Mr. Martin was not satisfied with the decision of the Association, and resolved not to allow the matter to rest. But he immediately began a movement in opposition, the evident intention of which was the disruption of the Association. In this movement, Mr. Martin was zealously aided by the minister of the Toronto Society. Meetings of the Toronto Society were held on Aug. 7, 13, and 20. The action of the Association in not granting the renewal of Mr. Martin's license was denounced in such a manner as to arouse in some of the members a spirit of prejudice and contempt against the Association. A circular was issued and sent to the members and friends of the Church, all over the country, the substance of which could have no other effect than to confuse the minds of those not familiar with the circumstances. Afterwards a pamphlet was published, entitled, "Report of T. Mower Martin, Licentiate of the Canada Association of the New Church, to the Toronto Society, exemplifying the methods of the Academy in Canada."

This pamphlet was advertised in the periodicals of the Church in America and in England. It was sent, so far as possible, to all the members and friends of the Church in the Dominion of Canada. No reply was made to the pamphlet for a considerable space of time; but it was fairly and justly reviewed in *New-Church Tidings* — the organ of the Canada Association — in the issue for March, 1891; and it would be well if every member of the General Convention who has not seen that review, could obtain it and give it a careful perusal; for it would certainly be of great assistance to them in enabling them to form a rational judgment of the subject. Indeed, without such a statement from the standpoint of the Canada Association before them, the members of the Convention will not be in a position to form a clear and just idea as to the action of the Canada Association respecting the renewal of the license of Mr. T. M. Martin.

Much more could be said, but I do not want to extend this report to too great a length. It is unquestionable that a large majority of those who are favorable to or connected with the New Church in Canada are of the opinion that the withdrawal of the Toronto Society from the Canada Association was, to say the least, a serious mistake on the part of the pastor and members, who pursued such

a course as to bring it about ; but that the Lord will overrule it for the ultimate good of His Church in Canada we can surely have no doubt, and it now remains for the members of the General Convention to decide whether they consider it right, or whether they are willing to sustain the disorderly and unwise proceedings of those who have organized what they call "The General Church of Canada."

The mission work of the Canada Association has been pursued as heretofore ; the Rev. J. E. Bowers is the evangelist of the Association, and resides permanently in Toronto. He has been regularly employed by the Association during the past seven years, and for five years previous to that time he was pursuing the work in Canada a portion of each year. The Mission Board has granted him the privilege to go into the State of Michigan a few weeks, occasionally, and visit some places seldom or never reached by the evangelist of that field, Rev. G. N. Smith.

Mr. Bowers's method of work has been to make tours of a month or two or more ; to preach wherever the way was open to do so ; to administer the Sacraments ; to supply people with the writings and books of the Church ; and to hold meetings in families and circles of friends for conversation and instruction in the doctrines. He has made it his duty to visit, so far as possible, all the scattered receivers of, and families of believers in, the writings, — providing for their spiritual needs as circumstances would permit. Newly interested persons, wherever such have been found, have received special attention in the effort to direct the mind to the writings as a revelation of Divine Truth from the Lord, and as constituting "the Gospel of the New Advent of the Lord," which is given for the salvation of men. Our missionary properly regards it as important for people to get the correct view as to the distinction between the New Church and the Old, at the outset of their investigations of the Heavenly Doctrines.

The Book Room of the Association is a very useful part of our work, and the thousands of volumes which have been distributed from it, throughout our country, must surely promote the reception of spiritual knowledges by all those who can be reached.

All of which is respectfully reported.

F. W. TUEBK, *President.*

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Peoria	Rev. S. C. Eby	30
Canton	Rev. S. C. Eby	27
Chicago	Rev. L. P. Mercer	278
Henry	Rev. S. C. Eby	29
Batavia	Joseph Burton, <i>Leader</i>	14
Wilmington	F. A. Luther, <i>Leader</i>	12
Jefferson, Wis.	Geo. Copeland, <i>Leader</i>	14
La Porte, Ind.	Rev. T. F. Houts	54
St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. J. B. Parmelee	30
Olney	A. E. Harrell, <i>Leader</i>	56
Joliet	Rev. L. G. Landenberger	16
Pontiac	John S. Saul, <i>Leader</i>	16
Hutton	J. S. Sargent, <i>Leader</i>	15
	Individual Members	60
Total		651

IN addition to the above ministers, four others report to the Association, namely, Rev. J. H. Ragatz, who is not actively engaged in the work of the ministry; Rev. A. J. Bartels, who has been actively employed in the missionary work of the Association; the Rev. Gerhard Busmann, who is pastor of a flourishing German Society in St. Louis, not in connection with the Association; and Rev. Louis Rich, now working in Tennessee for the Board of Missions.

The several Societies of the Association are believed to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Rev. S. C. Eby has in charge the Peoria, Canton, and Henry Societies, and by arrangement divides his time among them, giving more than half of it to the Peoria Society.

The Chicago Society maintains its work and worship at the Temple in the centre of the city, though its people are widely scattered. It has enjoyed a prosperous year, with Sunday worship, Bible Class, Young-People's Classes, two Young-People's Societies, a Ladies' Aid Society, and the Sunday school—including two adult classes. Its central property has become very valuable, and as the demand increases for parish churches convenient to the people, it is probable the Society will see its way to some disposition of its affairs that will enable it to maintain a central place of

worship and at the same time promote the establishment of local churches.

The Englewood Mission is about to organize as a distinct Society, and the parent Society has bought a small church for its use.

The St. Louis Society seems to be thriving under the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Parmelee who took up the work in that city last autumn. They have sold their little church and expect soon to locate and build a new church.

The Rev. T. F. Houts continues his efficient pastoral care at La Porte.

The Rev. L. G. Landenberger is laying the foundations of a permanent and useful Society at Joliet — the temper of the members, the diligence and good judgment of the minister, and the respect of the community, giving promise of the best results.

The newly-organized Society at Pontiac is under the superior leadership of Mr. J. S. Saul — at one time in the ministry of the New Church — and the Rev. A. J. Bartels has visited the Society once in three months to administer the Communion. The members at Flat Rock, most of them connected with the Olney Society, have built an attractive chapel, and maintain regular service under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Duncan. The Olney Society, unfortunately, is still without a pastor, but its activity has not abated nor its zeal diminished, which is the best earnest that the Lord in His Providence will open to them in due time the pastoral care they need and desire.

The Societies at Jefferson and Janesville, Wis., have experienced some revival during the year, attributable to the regular visits of the Rev. A. J. Bartels, which are now to be increased from one in three months to one each month.

The missionary work of the Association, since its last meeting in October, has been somewhat different in kind and more vigorously prosecuted than in former years. The importance of gathering, instructing, encouraging, and nurturing our isolated members is believed to be of greater present importance than the delivering of public missionary lectures.

The Rev. Mr. Bartels has been employed to visit our groups of members, search out the neglected, and gather together the sheep who have been without a shepherd; to hold parlor meetings and administer the Sacraments and instruct the young, first of all; and

to give public lectures as the way may open. He has made thirty-three visits into nineteen different places, with a success in the main concern upon which he is sent, which is most encouraging. One important indication that his work is meeting a real need and satisfying the wants of our people, is the fact that his collections in the field, for the uses of the Association, have met about forty per cent. of the entire expense.

The Rev. Louis Rich, before departing for the South, was employed in this work, and made eight visits to as many places with good results. We have not undertaken much, but we feel encouraged that we are moving in the right direction.

The Board of Missions desiring the ordination of Mr. Louis Rich, that he might work for the Board in Tennessee, he was ordained in Chicago by the Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor of the Ohio Association, in November, with the sanction and recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association.

In accordance with a suggestion of the President of the Convention that certain questions submitted should receive answer in the reports of Associations, the questions were sent out to representatives of our Societies. We feel free to summarize from the responses the following suggestions for consideration without committing the Association to them, since it has had no opportunity to deliberate upon them.

1. As to what the Convention may do to promote the work of the Associations, and what the Associations on their part may do to make the distinctive work of the Convention more efficient, it is suggested that the representation of local Societies in the meetings of our Associations, and the representation of Associations in the Convention, is very imperfect and should receive more careful attention. So long as the representation of Societies in Associations, and Associations in Convention, is left to those only who can afford the means and time to attend the meetings, the needs of the Church cannot be fully known, considered, or provided for. It is believed the time has come for the Convention to ask of its Associations a genuine and systematic representation; and for it to recommend and counsel that the delegates be carefully selected and appointed, and their expenses provided for from a general fund. The Convention is the body to consider and mature

plans for securing this end ; and it is believed such an example on the part of Convention will be imitated by the Associations in organizing their local work.

2. As to the principal obstacles to be overcome by the Associations in carrying on their work, we name two that confront us in our Association, namely, the need of men and the means to support them, to perform efficiently the ministerial work demanded, and the want of churches for our small Societies. The first as it appears to us, can only be overcome by organizing small Societies, where there are from five to fifty members, and grouping several such Societies in a circuit presided over by a single minister. It is difficult to induce a Society of fifty members, however unable to adequately support a minister, to consent to share his labors with other and smaller Societies which could on their part bear a share of his support ; and it seems almost impossible to find ministers, who have the ability, willing to endure the labor and inconvenience of ministering to a circuit. In this peculiar work there are seven days of actual, active ministry in each week ; and men are required for it who can think as they go, and preach without written sermon, and visit and converse when not preaching. If we could find such, in whom the people could recognize the minister, we could find the circuits ; and upon any other plan, a great many of our Western Societies must be left without pastoral care.

The want of suitable chapels for our small Societies, it is suggested by one of our laymen — a successful man of affairs, and acquainted with the management of various mutual benefit associations — might be met by the organization of a building association, with a membership of five hundred or one thousand persons, who should agree to pay a certain assessment — say from fifty cents to five dollars — upon call of the Executive Committee. The said Executive Committee should be empowered to call an assessment whenever convinced that a small Society, willing and able to raise one-half the funds for a chapel costing one thousand dollars or more, would be benefited and the uses of the Church promoted by an appropriation. In the present order of growth, five assessments yearly would perhaps be a generous estimate of what would meet the needs of the Church in the entire country, and it is believed that a large number would be willing to pay yearly five average assessments of one dollar. Such a plan, to be efficient

should be matured by the General Convention, with the same care as was the incorporation of the Board of Publication and of the Theological School, so as to secure the confidence and coöperation of the entire Church, and the matter is submitted to the consideration of Convention. It is not forgotten that we have a Building Fund, but wholly inadequate to the increasing needs of the Church ; and to the trustees of that Fund might be committed the consideration of this matter.

3. As to the state of the Christian world, increase of interest in the New Church, and the removal of prejudice, it does not seem necessary to say more than that the way is open for the best work we can equip ourselves to perform. Throughout the West there will be found the most generous respect for the New Church, little prejudice to signify, and a sort of wholesome feeling that it carries with it a teaching power which it is unwise to ignore, and much more unwise to oppose. The want of genuine religious disposition we may deplore, but we have no reason to be discouraged by any unfavorable attitude towards the New Church in particular. The world is not prejudiced against the mission of the New Church ; on the contrary, it is favorably disposed toward it, so far as it feels any religious inclination at all.

Respectfully submitted.

L. P. MERCER, *President.*

RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

With a membership of over eight thousand in the United States and Canada, probably one thousand to two thousand, or perhaps more, could be brought into a Society whose purpose would be to act together to provide financial aid to assist weaker Societies to provide for themselves suitable places of worship.

There are many who would like to contribute small amounts who fail to do so for the reason that one dollar, two dollars, or even five dollars seems so small an amount compared to the amount needed. Others, able and willing to contribute larger amounts, would do so more frequently and more satisfactorily if every time they were asked to do so, the sum raised and the use performed were greatly increased by united action.

The plan is taken from the coöperative benevolent insurance societies, when one dollar paid by each member gives to the recipient a large sum of money. The idea is to organize a Society of New-Church people, numbering five hundred or more persons, who will be willing to pay a certain sum, amounting to one dollar upward, which amount they agree to pay, when becoming members, as often as an assessment shall be ordered by the proper authorities of the Society, limiting such assessments to a certain number each year; the Society to require satisfactory evidence before ordering an assessment, to insure a useful appropriation of the money, and determine the amount to be appropriated to each Society. With a large membership, a single assessment might raise a sufficient amount to assist in the construction of several buildings, while on the other hand the surplus amounts might be added to the assessment for the more expensive structures.

Proper safeguards should be provided to prevent encouraging building in places where there were no permanently organized Societies, where after a while there would be no use for the building. There is very little danger in this direction. In the State of Illinois, at Wilmington and Canton, the church buildings remained unused for some time, but both these buildings are now in use and the Societies there are held together, when were it not for those buildings the Societies would doubtless have disbanded. There are many places where there is the nucleus for a Society; if they were encouraged to build themselves a home in which they could worship it would not be long before several of them would unite in employing a minister, and a majority of them would in a short time be able to sustain themselves. The writer has no selfish interest in the matter; the Society to which he belongs has a comfortable house of worship all paid for, and within twenty miles is another all paid for. The plan suggested is not new to him. He has thought over it for several years, and now presents it to the Convention to ascertain their judgment.

Resolved, That this Convention recognizes the importance to New-Church Societies of owning a church building in which to worship and hold meetings of the Society; to conduct Sunday schools; a place where the doctrines of the Church may be taught in freedom, under the direction of a pastor, leader, or missionary; affording a home to the members in which they could work more

effectually, and their efforts result in more permanent good ; such buildings would contain the writings of the Church, and afford a head-quarters from which tracts and collateral writings could be sold, loaned, and otherwise distributed, besides being useful in other ways.

Resolved, That the President of the General Convention appoint a committee of three persons whose duty it shall be to formulate a definite plan, and organize and put into operation a New-Church Building Society. Said plan to incorporate the following features : —

1. The officers to consist of a president, secretary, and treasurer ; the committee appointed by the president to act as such officers until after the first assessment is paid — the members when paying the first assessment to elect the officers of the Society.

2. An Executive Committee whose duty it shall be to determine the Societies to whom and the amount of assistance to be given, order assessments, and to have charge of matters connected with furnishing aid to construct places of worship.

3. The Executive Committee to order assessments only after satisfactory evidence is furnished them that the contemplated appropriation of money, in their opinion, would be wise and useful.

4. When an assessment is made, the notice to members shall be accompanied by a statement by the Executive Committee, giving the name of the Society to be assisted and such matters as may be of interest to the members connected with the proposed appropriation.

5. No money to be paid by the Building Society to aid in constructing a church building until such Society shall own a lot, free of debt, upon which to build such church building, and that they have secured at least one half of the money necessary to complete the building.

6. Membership in the Society to consist in paying the amount named in the application for membership whenever an assessment is ordered by the Executive Committee ; the amount named in such application to be not less than one dollar and as much more as applicant may desire ; no more than five assessments to be ordered in any one year.

7. Each member of the Society shall within a reasonable time

after assessment is ordered, be supplied by the officers of the Society with a complete list of all members who have paid their assessments, with amount paid by each member, together with a statement of how the money has been used.

8. No assessment to be made until the aggregate amount named in the applications for membership amounts to one thousand dollars or more.

9. All New-Church Societies in the United States and Canada to be equally entitled to make application for assistance.

10. The officers of the Society to report annually to the General Convention all receipts and expenditures and such other matters as may be of interest.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bath		58
Fryeburgh	Rev. B. N. Stone	69
Gardiner		4
Portland	Rev. Percy Billings	129
Total		260

THE Gardiner Society held their usual religious services last summer — eight Sabbaths during the months of July and August. The number of those attending is reported not quite so large as in previous seasons, owing to the large number of people out of the city at that season of the year, excursions, etc. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered once, and one lady was baptized and received into the Church. Another member was also added to the Society; both of these reside in Augusta. At the same time these additions have been made the Society has lost two of its old and valued members.

Miss D. P. Gay, the oldest member, after a long life of usefulness and devotion to the interests of the New Church, departed this life last summer. She has done much for the Church, and we trust the Church did much for her. She was a woman of strictest integrity, of deep religious character, and exerted a wide influence in the city in which she lived, as also among her wide acquaintance.

Mr. W. B. Perkins, the only or last male member of the Society, also departed this life a few months ago. Mr. Perkins has taken an active interest in the New Church for many years. He has been largely connected in public life with the prominent citizens of Gardiner — been mayor of the city, served the city in other capacities, and always faithful, honorable, and just in all the relations of life.

In Fryeburgh, the interesting Society of the New Church which grew up in such rapid proportions, a few years ago, still maintains its living interest in the heavenly doctrines, and steadily moves along in quiet and orderly ways — doing faithfully and well the work of the Church in its own town and vicinity. Mr. Stone, the able pastor, is a valuable minister of the New Church.

In Portland there is not much change reported from its condition in previous years. Mr. Percy Billings is the minister. He is regarded by the Society as very acceptable in Church work, and takes a broad and liberal view of this work in its relations to the outer world. The morning service has been constant the past year with an occasional course of evening lectures.

It was stated in the report, last year, that the pastor of the Bath Society would close his long pastorate on the first Sabbath of July, and spend the rest of the year in a journey around the world. These events have both taken place. The journey was completed last week, and proved highly interesting and satisfactory.

The Bath Society has not yet succeeded in obtaining a pastor, but probably will do so in the year to come, and with a young and vigorous man again go forward in the life of service and activity.

The Maine Association held no meeting last season. The annual meeting should have been in Bath, but on account of the change in the pastorate, and with no settled minister among them, they asked for a postponement till the coming summer. The Association will doubtless meet in Bath some time in August.

The Association has done no missionary work during the year. At its next meeting arrangements will be made, I hope, to put a colporteur into the field; for the present this seems to be the best work the Association can do. They have a small fund, the interest of which can be used for the promulgation of the doctrines of the New Church in the State.

I expect to still retain my home in the State of Maine, in Bath, and do some missionary work in the summer season and give the rest of my time to study and preparation for the work of instruction in Biblical and Church history in the Theological School in Cambridge. This is work which I much enjoy. It involves a course of study in which I have long taken a deep interest.

S. F. DIKE, *President.*

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS.	NO. MEMBERS
Washington, D. C. . . .	Rev. Frank Sewall	105
Wilmington, Del. . . .	Rev. Philip B. Cabell	60
Baltimore, Md. (First Ger.)	Rev. Peter J. Faber	82
Easton, Md.	Rev. William M. McIntosh	14
Preston, Md.	Rev. John E. Smith	22
Individual Members		25
Total		308

THREE other ministers belong to the Association, namely, Rev. Jabez Fox, the General Pastor, now in Texas; Rev. John W. Hunt, not regularly officiating; and Rev. Thomas A. King, pastor of the Baltimore (English) Society.

Following the suggestions of the pastoral letter of the President of the General Convention, detailed accounts of the several Societies will be omitted.

There has been a steady and continued maintenance of Church work and worship, with slight exception, in all the Societies, and a healthful growth in their special uses.

A new pipe organ for the Wilmington Society and more suitable temporary quarters for the Washington Society are items to be noted. There is also manifest a deeper interest in the concerns of the Association.

Several important amendments to the Constitution were offered at its last meeting. Article II. states the object of the Association to be "the dissemination of the doctrines of the New Jerusalem, and the increase of its goods and truths." It was proposed to substitute for the latter clause the words, "and the extension of

the visible Church within the geographical limits hereinafter mentioned," thereby indicating more specifically the nature of the work lying before us.

Another amendment proposed that "all ministers of the New Church, residing within the limits of the Association, who may from time to time be admitted by vote of this Association shall be members of it." This was offered as a substitute for the Section which provides that resident ministers, "who have been ordained according to the order of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America shall be members of this body."

Another amendment offered looked to a more effective organization of the Committee on Missions by uniting thereon both ministerial and lay representatives.

An important and useful auxiliary in the work of the Association is its Ministers' Conference, which was organized in December last. Meetings are held quarterly at which matters of vital importance to the ministerial use and the work of the Association are considered.

The annual meeting, this year, was held with our junior Society, at Preston, and was pervaded by a delightful sphere, which left a marked impression upon the community.

The evidences of growth in New-Church doctrine and life apparent in the organization of this new society, the erection of its new temple and the infusion of a new spirit among its members, were a surprise to many and encouraged the Association to greater activity.

We have watched the growing receptivity of New-Church truth in this movement on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and also the remarkable development in Baltimore, during the past year, and by these experiences have been impressed with a deeper sense of our responsibility to sustain the missionary use of the Association.

An extension of the work into new fields has been determined upon and an auspicious beginning already made. Richmond, Va., has been occupied for one week by our missionary, the Rev. John E. Smith. He had the cordial coöperation of the two New-Churchmen in that city, and held a series of meetings which elicited a larger degree of interest than was expected.

His audiences numbered from thirty-five to fifty persons, and

were composed of intelligent, serious-minded people from middle to advanced age. Their attendance was regular, attention close, and interest unabated. A judge, who had been present two or three times, being too unwell to come again, sent a secretary to take notes of the lectures, saying that he could not afford to miss them.

Our brethren in Richmond are greatly encouraged by this brief visit, and we feel assured that a longer and louder missionary call would lead to the establishment of a New-Church Society in this beautiful city of the South.

The Association thankfully acknowledges the aid which the Convention has rendered in furthering the missionary work within its borders, and it believes that the duty rests upon us to sustain, as lies in our power, those uses which can be more efficiently done by the larger body of the Church — notably, among others, the training of ministers and the publication interests.

But while rejoicing in these evidences of a wider reception of the heavenly doctrines, we should pause to consider whether as members of the New Church we are measuring up to the standard of life which they prescribe, or to the responsibilities which the possession of the truth imposes upon us.

The failure among many members to pursue a regular and systematic course of reading of the writings is a source of regret. Less of that entire dependence upon the minister's sermon for spiritual instruction and a more thorough acquaintance with the doctrines by individual study on the part of the laity would promote the spiritual life of the Church, and enable its members the better to justify to others the faith that is within them.

We should be glad and ready thus to appropriate to useful service the wealth of spiritual riches contained in the precious volumes of the heavenly writings. We should possess the courage of our conviction of New-Church truth in our daily walks among men, and by our words and deeds help to change the false principles which rule mankind in their dealings with one another.

Our Association labors under some disadvantage by not having in full organic union with it one of the New-Church bodies in its midst, which, notwithstanding its isolation, is doing excellent work. Could there, however, be a cordial, free, and unrestrained official coöperation between the two bodies, there is scarce a doubt but

that their mutual helpfulness would greatly strengthen the Church at large.

An obstacle to overcome in carrying on the work of the Association is the difficulty of raising the necessary funds. On this point we would say that there has not been fully developed among us that realizing sense of what humanity needs most. No starving man would long suffer in our midst for the want of material bread — there would be a spontaneous offering to relieve his need — so that when we come to recognize the greater value of the soul over the body, the means for providing the goods and truths of the New Church, which are the Bread of Life for the soul, will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. E. SPAMER, *Secretary*.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, MINISTERS, OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Abington	Rev. J. E. Werren, <i>Pastor</i>	78
Boston	Rev. James Reed, <i>Pastor</i>	633
Boston Highlands	Rev. J. K. Smyth, <i>Pastor</i>	186
Bridgewater	Rev. G. S. Wheeler, <i>Pastor</i>	128
Brockton	Rev. H. E. Goddard, <i>Pastor</i>	115
Brookline	Rev. W. H. Hinkley, <i>Pastor</i>	60
Dorchester		19
East Bridgewater	Rev. T. O. Paine, <i>Pastor</i>	54
Fall River	Rev. C. Lathbury, <i>Licensed</i>	49
Lancaster	Rev. G. I. Ward, <i>Minister</i>	40
Lynn	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	26
Manchester, N. H.	Carl Roth, <i>Leader</i>	59
Mansfield	Rev. G. F. Stearns, <i>Minister</i>	29
Newtonville	Rev. John Worcester, <i>Pastor</i>	74
Pawtucket, R. I.		16
Providence, R. I.	Rev. H. C. Hay, <i>Pastor</i>	108
Salem	Rev. A. J. Cleare, <i>Minister</i>	27
Springfield	J. W. Schafer, <i>Leader</i>	34
Waltham	Benjamin Worcester, <i>Leader</i>	45
Yarmouth	Rev. W. H. Mayhew, <i>Pastor</i>	31
Total		1811

WE are happy to report that this total shows an increase during the past year of seventy-one.

In addition to the ministers named above, we have Rev. Samuel H. Worcester, who, though very ill and in great suffering, is still doing some valuable work in editing Swedenborg's Latin ; Rev. Samuel M. Warren, at work upon the translation of the *Arcana* ; Rev. Theodore F. Wright, residing in Cambridge and in charge of the Mission there ; Rev. Stephen Jepson, who, on account of age, is retired with a pension from the Association ; Rev. Warren Goddard, who is practising law ; Rev. H. W. Wright, also employed upon the *Arcana* ; Rev. Richard Ward, who has given up the charge of the Lancaster Society to his son ; and Rev. John A. Hayes, who is actively at work as missionary.

Our beloved General Pastor, Rev. Joseph Pettee, whose feeble health was reported last year, passed into the other life, Feb. 15, 1891. Ordained, July 25, 1838, into the pastorate of the Society in Abington, and called from that office after more than thirty years of faithful service to be presiding minister, he was consecrated to that office, July 26, 1874. He had thus been over fifty years in the ministry, and during all this time had been an efficient servant of the Lord, without the least strife with any one, and without ever saying or doing anything unworthy of his office.

Mr. Pettee held the double office of General Pastor and Missionary of the Association, and for some years performed efficiently the duties of both offices. With increasing years and infirmities, the more active duties of missionary were gradually given up to younger men ; but he continued to the end to do the duties of General Pastor with a faithfulness and humility which endeared him to all, and have left an example which will be revered in the Church.

At our meeting, April 2, 1891, we held an appropriate memorial service, and then proceeded, without nominations, to indicate by an informal ballot, our preference as to Mr. Pettee's successor. One hundred ministers and delegates constituted the immediate elective body, with an assembly present which filled the Boston Church. The ballot showed a nearly unanimous preference for Rev. John Worcester, and his election then took place with unanimous vote.

The Association hereby presents its request that the Rev. John Worcester be invested, with the sanction of the Convention, with

the office of General Pastor, with the powers defined in Section 4, Article V., of the Constitution.

Our head-quarters have been removed to No. 16 Arlington Street. It was found that the former location was too noisy for meetings, and that a move could be made to our advantage in every way. The new place is a substantial mansion in the best portion of the city, overlooking the Public Garden, and easily accessible.

We have two principal groups of Societies, of which the cities of Boston and Brockton are the respective centres; and there is a growing disposition to make use of coöperative work by the pastors in making up courses of missionary lectures and in promoting social religious meetings.

Our ministers meet monthly, and have papers and discussions of much benefit, with the most frank and friendly interchange of views.

Our two missionaries, Messrs. Stearns and Hayes, have kept steadily at work, meeting with encouraging responses wherever they go. A circle in a place is established by the missionary through calls made at the houses of persons known to be friendly to the doctrines. An informal evening meeting is then arranged for, and so the movement is continued, with an increase of acquaintance and the gradual development of a religious unity of spirit. When the point is reached that Sunday service is established, the formation of a Society is in prospect.

Our effort to form a Society at Cambridge for the benefit of our Theological School, of the University, and of the community at large seems likely to be successful in the near future.

The Waltham School is enjoying a highly useful year. The buildings have been thoroughly renovated and Mr. A. E. Goddard is associated with Mr. Benjamin Worcester in the care of the School. The New-Church Institute of Education, which owns the School, is sparing no pains to make it worthy of the confidence of parents desiring for their children a thorough education in good homes under the best religious influences. The response already received from the Church gives assurance that their efforts are really meeting a want, and will be sustained.

The atmosphere of the community about us is friendly and encouraging. There is no reason to expect a rapid increase of our numbers,

but there does appear to be an increasing willingness to receive whatever we can contribute that will be helpful to the general religious thought.

THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Detroit	Rev. A. F. Frost, <i>Pastor</i>	80
Almont	J. R. Hamilton, <i>Leader</i>	24
Grand Rapids	Rev. G. H. Dole, <i>Pastor</i>	18
Springdale	B. J. Stanley, <i>Leader</i>	22
Leland	Rev. G. N. Smith, <i>Minister</i>	18
Total		162
Isolated Members about		200

It may be both interesting and useful to give a brief historical sketch of the New Church in Michigan from its beginning to the present time. The review, although not very encouraging, may possibly have a lesson for us.

From the time the Rev. Holland Weeks visited Detroit in 1839, and organized the first Detroit Society of the New Church, fifteen Societies have been organized in the State of Michigan, only five of these being now in existence—namely, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Almont, Springdale, and Leland. The first three of these have houses of worship and are out of debt. The first two have pastors—Rev. A. F. Frost at Detroit and Rev. G. H. Dole at Grand Rapids. The Rev. G. N. Smith, the missionary of the Michigan Association, preaches occasionally for the other three Societies, and does other ministerial work at large. More than fifteen different New-Church ministers have labored during the past half century in Michigan, either as pastors or missionaries or both. The total membership of the five present Societies is about one hundred and sixty. The whole number of people, old and young, connected with the New Church either as members of societies, congregations, Sunday schools, or scattered here and there over the State is about five hundred. Michigan has furnished some fourteen New-Church ministers, some of whom have been very active and useful in fields outside of this State.

During the past fifty years the State has rapidly grown and developed in population, and in all natural resources and material wealth and prosperity. Her educational institutions, her reformatories, asylums, and other public institutions are the equal of any in the United States; and while all the Churches — Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and the New Church — are within her borders, and although much earnest work for the New Church has been done among her people, during the last half century, the visible results are very small indeed, to the great disappointment of those who have expended their means and toiled in behalf of the Church. Let each member of the Association and receiver of the doctrines ask himself the question, "How far am I responsible for this state of affairs in the Church?"

Is it not true that New-Churchmen are too easily discouraged because of the small results, and too prone to fold their arms and fall asleep in the belief that the Lord will take care of His Church without their help?

It is suggested that the General Convention might render more efficient aid to Associations by sending its President to their annual meetings, to learn the needs and state of the Church, and to help by his presence and advice. On the other hand, Associations may better aid Convention by striving to build up and strengthen their own bodies, the constituent parts of Convention, and by showing a deeper interest in the general body by better attendance and assistance at its meetings.

The principal obstacles to be overcome in carrying on successfully the work of the Association are the worldliness and indifference of the people both in and out of the Church. The best way of overcoming these is to keep before them, by every possible means, the great central truths of life which the Lord has revealed to the New Church by His Second Coming — to keep before an unrepentant and unbelieving age the all-time message of the New Church, "Repent and believe in Christ, and your sins will be remitted and you will be saved; if not you will perish." (T. C. R. 567; A. R. 531.)

In some places the apparent growth in the spiritual life of members and increase of interest in the work and worship of the Church and gain in knowledge of its truths has been greater than in any previous year. The truths have also been more widely disseminated than for many years, and there has been an increasing demand and a more cordial reception accorded to them. Prejudices against them seem to be softening. A recent trip of the Association's missionary, the Rev.

G. N. Smith, brought to light five ministers who avowed themselves New-Churchmen in belief, and who made no secret of preaching New-Church doctrines. Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the Association ever since our last report, and we hope to be able to keep a missionary in the field all the time.

J. R. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

THE work of the New Church in the Minnesota Association has been progressing as usual.

In Minneapolis — Rev. Joseph S. David, pastor — the average attendance at Sunday morning worship has been thirty-six ; at six Sunday evening lectures, twenty-one ; at Sunday school, twenty-five ; at the Holy Supper, twenty-seven ; baptisms, three ; marriage, one ; funerals, two ; new members received, three ; members removed, one ; total membership of the Society, forty-seven, of whom six are non-residents.

In St. Paul — Rev. E. C. Mitchell, pastor — the average attendance at Sunday morning worship has been fifty ; at twenty-two Sunday evening lectures, thirty-three ; at Sunday school, twenty-five ; at Holy Supper, twenty-seven ; baptisms, two ; marriages, two ; new members received, two ; total membership of the Society, forty-two, of whom fourteen are non-residents.

The Young-People's Society has held meetings at private houses, on alternate Wednesday evenings, one half of the meetings having been devoted to doctrinal instruction by the pastor, and the other half to literary and social exercises.

The usual Christmas Tree was provided for the Sunday school, together with a presentation of stereopticon views of the Hofmann pictures connected with the life of our Lord.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Association was held in Minneapolis on Oct. 24, with the usual worship and business and a social meeting in the evening. The President's address was on the subject of "Prison Reform in its Relation to the Church." About forty persons were present, of whom sixteen were from St. Paul.

Rev. J. S. David, as missionary of the Association, has delivered fifteen lectures — five at Granite Falls, four at Minnehaha, three at Golden Valley, and three at Stillwater.

Very recently, the President of the Association received a letter from a Methodist minister, in a small village in this State, saying that he and several of his friends were tired of the old theology, and asking that some New-Church lectures be given in their village. Rev. Mr. David will expect to attend to this call, very soon, and we shall hope for good results from his visits.

E. C. MITCHELL, *President.*

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	Rev. S. S. Seward, <i>Pastor</i>	215
Brooklyn	Rev. J. C. Ager, <i>Pastor</i>	175
Hoboken	Mr. E. Ferrett, <i>Leader</i>	6
Orange	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	68
Newark	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	45
Mount Vernon	Rev. Oliver Dyer, <i>Pastor</i>	—
New York (German)	Rev. W. H. Schliffer, <i>Pastor</i>	30
Paterson	Rev. B. D. Palmer, <i>Pastor</i>	40
Riverhead . . . . .	. . . . .	41
Brooklyn (German)	Rev. Wm. Diehl, <i>Pastor</i>	38
Newark (German)	Mr. J. C. Menschner, <i>Leader</i>	—
Hempstead . . . . .	. . . . .	—
Elizabeth	Mr. A. J. Auchterlonie, <i>Leader</i>	17
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	675

THERE has been no change in the ministerial force of the Association since the last report, except that the Rev. J. B. Parmelee has withdrawn from the Association and accepted the pastorate of the St. Louis Society. The list of Societies connected with the Association has been augmented by one — the Elizabeth, N. J., Society was admitted at the last meeting with a membership of seventeen. The Society has no church building, and does not support a minister, but it holds Sunday worship and a week-day class.

The only outward event especially worthy of record among our Societies is the enlargement and improvement of the house of worship of the Paterson Society. They have been every way successful in their undertaking and at a moderate outlay. The spiritual work of the Societies has been carried on much as usual. The New-York Society has not felt herself able to unite in the missionary work that

has been performed by her sister Societies, on account of the scattered condition of her members, but has been more active in other directions. The Brooklyn Society has pursued the steady course for which she is noted, and has added to her many other uses one or two classes for the study of the doctrines. The Orange and Newark Societies have done the same. The smaller English-speaking Societies maintain their meetings as usual, with the exception of the Mount Vernon Society, which has not held services for several years. The Riverhead Society is still without a minister; but an effort is on foot, which it is hoped will be successful in the Fall, to establish a circuit consisting of Riverhead, Bay Shore, and Hempstead. The German Societies are all displaying their usual activity and zeal.

At the time of the last meeting of the Convention the Association was rejoicing in the services of Rev. J. B. Parmelee as its missionary. We regret to say that early in the autumn Mr. Parmelee was obliged to withdraw from the work, and that we have not been able to find any one to take his place. We have not, however, been idle. The Rev. Jabez Fox, having arrived home from Europe a few weeks after Mr. Parmelee had resigned, was engaged by the Board of Directors to carry on, in connection with the other ministers of the Association, courses of lectures in the vicinity of New York, similar to those that had been started during Mr. Parmelee's time. During the past few weeks, another series of the same kind has been delivered with the aid of the Rev. John Doughty, of San Francisco, who was invited East on his way to the Convention earlier than he would otherwise have come, for this purpose. At the request of the Board, the presiding minister took advantage of Mr. Doughty's presence to make a pastoral tour through the interior of the State, with a view to acquainting himself with the situation and needs of the people. The result of his observations was to impress upon his mind the difficulties of the work before the Association, and for this reason the necessity for greater exertion.

In reply to the questions sent out by the President of the Convention, we would say, with regard to the best method of raising funds, that we believe the system pursued for the last eight or ten years in this Association an excellent one. Our plan is to ask for permanent subscriptions which shall run from year to year, and shall continue until six months' notice of discontinuance shall have been given. These subscriptions are made payable either annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, at the option of the donor — provision being made for

those who are not willing to pledge themselves in this manner. Accurate accounts are kept with the subscribers, and notice given when their dues become payable. The advantages of this system, when faithfully carried out, are numerous. It divides the burden among the greatest possible number of people ; it enables large subscribers to feel that the whole weight does not fall on their shoulders, while smaller subscribers feel that their lesser gifts are not lost ; it fosters a sense of general and united, and not partial and spasmodic action ; and it renders it possible for the officers of the Association to estimate at any given time the probable income for the next few months or year. Its efficacy is illustrated by the fact that at one time, after having been fairly inaugurated, it continued to produce substantially the same income for two years, though the necessity had passed away temporarily and little or no effort was put forth.

With regard to the other points mentioned in the circular, we have little to say. We have had one earnest call for assistance from an isolated member of the Church, and we know a few others who would be glad to coöperate with the Association as far as possible. But we are free to say that the greatest cause of discouragement we have to contend against is the apparent indifference of the isolated members of the Church to the work we have so much at heart. There are some notable exceptions, but as a general rule the people are either discouraged at past failures, or hopeless of the future, or not so situated as to be able to take an active part, or unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices, or entirely satisfied with things as they are. We feel, however, that the heart-beats of the Church should not be less strong and steady because the public generally, or our own people, are indifferent to the life she has to bestow. We think that the Church is doing all that can be required of her through the instrumentality of the press. We believe that what is needed now in addition is the living voice. This it has been and will be our endeavor to supply, and we shall continue to do it as fast as our means and instruments will permit.

At the meeting of the Association on Feb. 22 last, the following resolution was adopted : —

Resolved, That this Association, in accordance with the action of the General Convention, does hereby confer the power to officiate at ordinations upon its present Presiding Minister.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. SEWARD, *Presiding Minister*.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, MINISTERS, OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	Rev. John Goddard	251
Cleveland	M. G. Browne	72
East Rockport	M. G. Browne	30
Glendale	Rev. H. H. Grant	50
Indianapolis	Rev. E. D. Daniels	26
Napoleon	J. C. Saur	9
Pomeroy and Middleport .	Rev. E. D. Daniels	40
Richmond, Ind. . . . .	. . . . .	12
Toledo	{ Thos. H. Woodruff } { Rev. E. D. Daniels }	30
Urbana	Charles B. Chace	64
Newark . . . . .	. . . . .	12
Total		596

The slight reduction in our membership from last year is partly the result of a change of method in reckoning members, and partly the result of the lack of pastoral care. The Cleveland, East Rockport, and Urbana Societies are without pastors, Mr. Mayhew having left Urbana since the last meeting of Convention. The removal of the principal financial supporters from Urbana in a single year may make it necessary for that Society to employ a minister who will give part of his services to the college. Richmond is left without preaching since Mr. Grant moved to Glendale. That little Society has only a handful of members, and no financial ability, with a pretty church on their hands, and a small fund, the remnant of a bequest by the late William Gardner. Mr. Grant is now the pastor at Glendale.

The name of Theodore Edson is dropped from our list of ministers at his own request.

The late Mrs. Mary Allen, the widow of C. H. Allen, of Glendale, has left her estate, after compromising with her husband's heirs, in trust to the Rev. Frank Sewall, for the primary purpose of founding a school at the old homestead — the property to revert, in case of the failure of the school, to the Glendale parish, and, in case of failure there, to the Ohio Association. A school has been started under the local charge of the Rev. H. H. Grant; but since then the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Allen have instituted proceedings to set aside the will, and the case is now in court, with a possible chance for a trial before the summer vacation.

The President of the Convention has addressed a circular letter to the several Associations, asking for certain matters to be considered in their reports; without mentioning these in detail, a few suggestions are appended.

The General Convention can doubtless be of assistance to the Associations by providing that its president be in attendance upon their annual meetings. Mr. Giles's presence with our Association has always been helpful, and in one case, we think, productive of visible results.

We have not found the successful way of raising funds. But is not this question of the President of the Convention best answered by his own success in Philadelphia? So far as it is possible to impress upon men that they are the Lord's stewards, the money will come in the right way. But, as a practical method, we would suggest that every Association should have its own endowment fund for missionary circuit work. Circuit preaching is indispensable. But it is utterly impossible to sustain regular circuit preaching among the small and distant bodies of the New Church in the West without such provision. If the Convention had spare funds, we do not think it could do better than to assist struggling Associations in this circuit work. And another practical suggestion to individuals is that they leave money in their lifetime, the interest of which will be equivalent to their regular subscription. Mr. S. B. Spear, of Cincinnati, made such provision before his death, and the Cincinnati Society has just approved a plan by which individuals can gradually create an individual sinking fund, by constantly adding additional sums to their regular subscription — the interest of such additions to be deducted from their regular subscription. The tendency of juries to set aside bequests is growing — it is a sign of the times. It is surely not the wisest method to provide for the Church. Better far for every person to be his own executor.

As to progress in the spiritual life of the Church. Where earnest, self-sacrificing, and intelligent work is done, there are always visible fruits. Not large, for, as has been well said, we are not, as a people, in a state to bear much success. Mr. Daniels has established a little monthly paper to help on his work, at his own risk. He reports considerable encouragement. The chief obstacles to Church growth are three in number: 1. On the part of the ministry,

a resting in crude, authoritative statement, or else giving way to a speculative tendency, rather than an intelligent effort to make plain and simple and practical the new things that are revealed. Everywhere people will quietly listen to an earnest attempt at thought, even if its results are not entirely satisfactory. Our own people are growing more desirous of learning the right way. They are more inclined than before to follow intelligent leadership. 2. There is, again, a doubt in many minds as to the place which the New-Church writings fill. There is a hope that their power will be chiefly felt outside of the organization, and this feeling seems to weaken the effort to carry on the work of organization. 3. And finally, the New-Church people are by no means free from the prevailing worldliness, and they are too well instructed to attend church and confess themselves miserable sinners, so long as they intend to continue to be miserable sinners; and, consequently, our churches are not often crowded, and the stimulus of large gatherings is lacking.

Urbana University will hold its graduating exercises on June 16 and 17. The enrolment of pupils, owing to removal of several New-Church families, falls somewhat below that of last year, but is partly made up by new pupils; forty are pursuing regular courses, and ten follow special studies. Six hundred dollars have been expended in improvements — contributed partly by friends in Chicago, Cincinnati, and Urbana. The library has received nearly one thousand new volumes — chiefly from Mr. Scammon's collection. The year has been fairly successful, and the next year's outlook is encouraging.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GODDARD, *President.*

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Frankford Society . . .	Rev. J. W. MacPherson	72
Free New Church of Allegheny and Pittsburgh .	Frank W. Very, <i>Leader</i>	13
No. Philadelphia Society .	Rev. Louis H. Tafel	64
Philadelphia First Soc.	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> { Rev. Chauncey Giles Rev. Wm. L. Worcester, <i>Assistant</i> Rev. Wm. H. Alden, <i>Assistant</i> </div> </div>	372
Vineland Society	Rev. Adolph Roeder	56
Allentown Society . . .	Mrs. Charles Saeger, <i>Reader</i>	20
Lancaster First N. J. Soc.	. . . . .	14
Total		611

THE past year has been one of sustained activity and usefulness in the Pennsylvania Association and among the Societies composing it. Missionary work has had attention, though not to the extent the ministers of the Association desire, their time being so fully occupied in the discharge of their regular duties.

The Free New-Church Society of Allegheny and Pittsburgh has become a member of the Association since our last report, receiving a most cordial welcome at the annual meeting in March last.

The First New-Jerusalem Society, of Lancaster, Pa., has very recently joined our Association, and will be received with warmest and most hearty greetings at its next meeting.

During the year forty-seven new members have been added to our body. Sixteen marriages have been solemnized by its ministers, and they have officiated at thirty-two funerals; there have been ten confirmations and thirty-four baptisms. There are five hundred and eleven children and about fifty teachers attending its Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD A. LEWIS, *Secretary*.

DENVER SOCIETY.

DURING the past year the Denver Society of the New Jerusalem has been actively working toward the accomplishment of a long felt need in the erection of a chapel. The raising of funds sufficient to warrant the undertaking was begun by the Ladies Aid Society, and the success of their efforts proved a stimulus to all in any way connected with the Church.

Not only have our own members done all within their means, but we have been helped by New-Church friends from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In addition to this, many of the business men of our own city have heartily contributed to our building fund, and as a result we have fully paid for a building site in one of the most desirable and rapidly growing parts of the city, and our chapel of white lava stone is in process of erection.

We are looking forward to its dedication in early summer, and all are working to the end that as small a debt as possible may be left on the building at its completion.

The Rev. Howard C. Dunham still continues his pastorate with us, and several additions have been made to the Society during the past year, most of whom will probably in time become communicant members. At the social religious meetings on Sunday evenings, the *Divine Love and Wisdom* has been studied and a deep interest has been felt by all in attendance. The music of the Church service has been most acceptably conducted by Mr. Albert P. Schack, who has been for two years with us.

The present membership of the Society is thirty-five. During the year Mr. Dunham has administered the Sacrament of Baptism to three children and one adult, the Rite of Confirmation to one who had been baptized in infancy, and has attended three funerals.

MRS. R. G. SEYMOUR, *Secretary*.

SAVANNAH SOCIETY.*

WE began our services for the Church year the first Sunday in October, at which time the Rev. Junius B. Spiers entered upon his work as pastor. We have since had two services every Sunday, with but two exceptions, when only the morning services were held. The average attendance at morning services has been twenty-one, and at evening services, nineteen. This means about thirty different persons per Sunday, as some who attend in the morning do not come in the evening, and *vice versa*. The attendance has not been what some of us anticipated, but we have been led to see that quality and not quantity forms the true foundation of the Church. There are many people living in this city who see the fallacy underlying the doctrine of the vicarious atonement, and because we deny this doctrine they imagine that we are either Unitarian or Universalist, and that they therefore can affiliate with us, and even join our Society. Several such did sign our Constitution and By-Laws, but when they found that we had distinctive doctrines which we insisted upon, they ceased to attend as a regular thing.

Of the forty-two members reported last year, we find that only thirty are really receivers of the doctrines. Had the others quite comprehended the full significance of what our Constitution contains they would not have signed it, as no one can do so honestly unless he is a full receiver of the doctrines of the New Church.

There are, we believe, only sixteen baptized resident members of the Society, and there are six resident receivers of the doctrines who are members only by virtue of having signed our Constitution and By-Laws. There are eight non-resident receivers who are connected with the Society. In proportion to the actual membership, we consider our attendance good.

We have done no advertising of sermons or lectures, except on the occasion of the Rev. J. E. Smith's visit to our Society the first Sunday in March. We have preferred to make no display, but to cultivate in ourselves a knowledge of the doctrines of the Church, and to impart them as well as we could to those who might come for the truth's sake. We have had from one to six strangers present nearly every Sunday evening — some of whom were sufficiently interested to come again.

* This report was received too late to be read to the Convention.

As to missionary work we have done a good deal in a quiet way. Hundreds of tracts have been distributed, and many books taken from the church library. We have kept several of Swedenborg's and collateral works in constant circulation among interested persons. We have had many valuable donations to our library, for which we are indebted for the most part to our Northern brethren.

Our Sunday school has been of especial interest, but we feel that more could have been accomplished had we had more teachers. We have to group smaller and larger pupils in the same class, and the doctrinal class is held after the morning service to enable the pastor, who superintends the school, to teach both it and a class in the regular school which is held before the services. We have had very much sickness among the children, which has reduced our average by at least five. The average has been seventeen children.

The Holy Supper has been administered quarterly — the attendance of communicants averaging about twelve.

JUNIUS B. SPIERS, *Pastor.*

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

WE have held our three regular meetings during the last year, the Rev. Mr. Smyth officiating; have had the usual good attendance — in good weather, an average of about fifty. We have had one baptism — a young man who had attended the meetings several times.

The regular attendance does not seem to increase very much, although we have a good many transient listeners and calls from people who wish to borrow books and tracts. Every one, without exception, expresses a pleasure in reading and hearing our views, especially of the future life, but a good many think they are too beautiful to be true.

We miss our dear Mr. Pettee, whose loving counsels and kind care had long guided us; and also dear Mrs. Woolworth, who attended our first meeting and never missed one till she was too ill to sit up.

Our work of distributing *Madeley's Science of Correspondences* still continues, made possible by the generous gifts of the President,

Mr. H. G. Thompson. More than six hundred volumes have been distributed this year. Mr. Thompson has indeed been indefatigable in the performance of this use — his head, heart, and hands being engaged in it.

In reply to Mr. Giles's questions: Our Association is small and its members very sincerely devoted to each other and to the Church, and seem to be entirely harmonious in performing the uses to which they are called collectively. We should be glad to aid Convention in any way in our power, if we only knew how, and do contribute our mite to Church uses. The gifts of money are entirely voluntary, and we seem to have all we need. I don't know as we could use more to advantage under present conditions.

The first part of the third question is a difficult one to answer. That we are all interested in the work and worship of the Church is manifested in the strict attendance of those who have been longest among us. That there is an increasing demand for and a cordial reception of new truth there is no doubt. Perhaps it will be interesting for you to know that could we have made arrangements one of our clergymen could have occupied the pulpit of one of our principal Congregational Churches for several Sundays. His engagements would not, however, admit of it. We hope it may come about in the near future.

There seems to be no prejudice at all in our neighborhood against Swedenborg or the members of the New Church, both being spoken of and treated with the greatest respect and kindness; and being the subject of the "ministers' meeting," one Monday morning, it was decided that they knew very little about the writings, but had a high opinion of others who did. We think it would do great good if some one of our ministers could be heard more frequently in the pulpits of other churches, and there are very few churches in large cities where they would not be welcome.

We have only to read the daily news to know that the old bottles are bursting.

IONE A. P. SAWYER, *Cor. Secretary.*

GENERAL SOCIETY IN TEXAS.

REPLYING to the questions of Rev. Mr. Giles: 1. "The General Convention can render the most efficient aid to the Associations in their local and specific work" by doing what it can in sending preachers to them, who will gather the wheat from the tares, bind it into bundles, and put it into a good, substantial barn — the specific, ultimate, natural New Church.

With the air filled with the falsities of the old Christian Church, but little good will result from preaching, unless the truths be furnished a basis in the social as well as in the private life of receivers. The Church on the natural plane of life embodies, expresses, preserves, and gives increase to good and truth. Therefore we ought to encourage the building up of New-Church temples wherever a few receivers reside.

Until the New Church becomes concrete — built up over Texas into houses of wood or stone — we cannot expect its members to contribute much money towards propagating the truths of the New Christianity. It matters not how much we may be delighted by the rationality and beauty of our doctrines, unless we feel moved by the Lord's love for all to give our precious treasures to others — even to men on the natural plane — our delights will grow less and leave us indifferent towards the heavenly doctrines. In order to reach those who have but little perception or knowledge of spirit and the things of the spiritual world, we must get down on their level, to have them look up, to boost, lift, and beckon them on. This we cannot do, as we ought, unless we have external organization.

The doctrines have been lavishly given to the world. The supply has even exceeded the demand. Our Church periodicals have sown the seeds of the new truths broadcast. The seeds have sprung up and are growing here and there all over Texas, but the weeds of the old Church are choking the tender plants. The power of the old Church organization is so great that wherever the New Church has not intrenched itself in externals, receivers of our doctrines are hardly able to hold their children within the pale of the New Church, and they cannot expect to gain the children of others who are affiliated even remotely with the old Church.

2. "The wisest and most successful methods of obtaining the

funds and doing the work of the Associations " is to organize New-Church societies whenever it can be done. We can reckon on but little help from isolated receivers, and that little must be obtained from them by repeated appeals.

3. Some progress, as shown by natural signs, has been made in the life of the members of our General Society. Many of them are reading and confirming the truths in their lives. The organization of our General Society in Texas has given more life to its members. It has held two meetings, and we who were strangers one to another have been brought into the closest sympathy. Warmed by a common love and a larger measure of it than ever before, we feel stronger to do our work, and hope to do more by reason of our coöperation.

The *Helper* is a good missionary, and has served to make the public more familiar with our doctrines, and thus to disabuse the minds of all truth-loving people of any prejudices they may entertain against them. The Rev. N. G. Murphy, a resident minister here in the Campbellite Church, reads and enjoys our books and papers. He is now reading the *True Christian Religion*.

It has often occurred to me that if a good man, well posted in our doctrines and well supplied with tracts and books, were put to work in Texas, a great deal could be done by him at a very small cost. During the greater part of the year, he could travel with very little expense; and coming into personal contact with the people could excite a desire for a knowledge of the doctrines, and be better able to place New-Church literature into appreciative hands than can be done by agency of the press. It sometimes happens that our books fall into the hands of men who read only to condemn, and I know of an instance where a preacher destroyed those sent to him.

After a residence of forty years in Texas, I feel safe in saying that there cannot be found anywhere a people so free from prejudice, or so likely to accept the truths of the New Church; and I think the best way to reach Texans is to make a vigorous attack upon the irrational and unscriptural dogmas of the old Church, presenting at the same time the truths of the New Church in a spirit of love.

HENRY MANEY, *President*.

GENERAL SOCIETY IN IOWA.

THE second annual meeting was held Sept. 6, 1890, in the temple of the German New-Church Society, in Lenox Township, four miles south of Norway, and was attended by three ministers, two candidates, and one minister of the German Synod, besides a number of New-Church people from various parts of the State.

Present membership, one hundred and eight.

The President administered the Lord's Supper to forty communicants.

The Rev. Stephen Wood has preached at regular intervals, with but three exceptions, at Lenox, Nashville, and Lost Nation, and has visited Maquoketa, De Witt, Des Moines, and other places, and made the circuit of the State of Iowa from east to west twice, visiting eighteen places where there were from one to five receivers of the doctrines, preaching and administering the Sacraments when required; has baptized one adult and five children, and officiated at three marriages.

The Rev. J. J. Lehnem has preached once in two weeks for the Lenox Society until this Spring, and once in two weeks at Davis Schoolhouse to the small German Fremont Society, seven miles north of Norway. He has done mission work in Iowa, also in Missouri and Chicago. Mr. Lehnem is a good visiting pastor amongst the isolated receivers, giving them new hopes and strengthening them in the faith and benefiting them generally. He sells many New-Church books, and donates many to the poor. He has preached forty sermons, baptized three adults and five children, and administered the Holy Supper twice.

The Rev. J. Kimm has preached now and then, and kept up a Sunday school about half the time at his house. He has baptized five young people and children, confirmed five, and administered the Holy Supper once to six communicants; has also preached in April, once in two weeks, for the Lenox Society, which is the only society in the State having its own temple. They used the "Gospel Hymns" in English worship. The music is good, but the doctrines often false. The Lenox Society is not in the best condition.

Licentiate W. H. Adkins has established a New-Church Sunday-school library at Ferguson. He is superintendent of the school,

and has preached since March, 1890, with a short interruption, until last winter.

Licentiate A. F. Lyman, of Kellogg, is attending our School at Cambridge, to perfect himself in New-Church theology.

The Des Moines Society has seven members, and meets regularly for worship at the house of Mrs. S. E. Nash. They have lost one family by removal to Montreal, and gained two members from Prairie City, Iowa. Harmony prevails and new readers are interested. Messrs. Lehnén and Wood have visited them during the year.

Mr. John H. Sudbrack, of Flint River, labors for a small German Society nine miles northwest of Burlington; he has also preached in Southern Iowa, at Marshall, Ill., and Wellsville and Kansas City, Mo. He is engaged by the German New-Church Synod.

Mr. Henry Miller, of Norway, is useful in translating for the periodicals of the Church.

In Burlington and West Burlington there is a circle of New-Churchmen among the Swedes and Germans, which is occasionally visited by Mr. Lehnén. They have a New-Church library of English, German, and Swedish books, circulating among forty readers.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB KIMM, *Secretary*.

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., General Pastor.

SINCE the last meeting of the General Convention, I have passed most of the time in Paris and London, a few days at the seashore. While in Paris, I have preached every Sunday at my own apartment, and have baptized an interesting French family of five persons, consisting of grandmother, adult son, married daughter, young daughter, and young grandson, and an American young lady residing for the time in Paris.

I have administered the Holy Supper, in Paris, upon Christmas and Easter, to which respectively eleven and twelve were present.

During the Summer, I spent some three months or more in London and vicinity, where I attended the meeting of the English Conference as a representative of the General Convention in conjunction with Rev. Mr. Fox.

The English brethren appear to be troubled by academic and opposite extremes and divisions as well as the brethren in America. It is very sad that all cannot realize that the only essential work for each and every one is "to be saved," and that "to acknowledge the Lord, shun evil as sin, and do good according to the Commandments" are the only things necessary to that purpose. While many other doctrines are of very great value, nothing else is worth contending and dividing about. It would be well if all could realize this.

While in London and vicinity I preached eight or ten times, and administered the Holy Supper.

The Lord willing, I hope ere many months to return to my own country, and if a field opens before me, enter into more active work than, from the force of circumstances, I have been engaged in for some time past.

Report of Rev. Chauncey Giles, General Pastor.

DURING the past year, I have dedicated a new house of worship at Olney, Ill., and at the request of the General Society of the New Church in Iowa, I have authorized Addison F. Lyman and William H. Adkins to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, for one year from Oct. 1, 1891.

From Rev. William H. Benade.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31, 1891.

*Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem:—*

Dear Sir: For good and sufficient reasons I request that my name be removed from the Roll of General Pastors of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

Truly yours,

W. H. BENADE.

Report of Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor.

ON Oct. 6, 1890, I renewed the authorization of G. W. Wiley for one year.

ON Dec. 14, 1890, on recommendation of the General Convention's Board of Missions, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association, I ordained Louis Rich into the ministry, with power to administer the Sacraments and to consecrate marriages.

Report of Rev. Jabez Fox, General Pastor.

AT the time of my report to your meeting in Chicago, last year, I was ministering in the beautiful and ornamental little temple of the Snodland Society of the New Jerusalem in Kent County, England.

IN July and August following, I was preaching and lecturing in and near London; and from the seventh to the fifteenth of August attending the several meetings of the English Conference and its ministers, as one of your messengers to that body — my report of which appeared in the *Messenger*.

From that time till the seventeenth of October, I was visiting Societies of the New Church in the eastern and northern portions of England and in Scotland, of which my published letters give an account.

Sailing from Glasgow, on Oct. 17, I arrived in New York at the end of that month, and until Christmas was engaged in ministerial work in that vicinity — visiting Massachusetts, in the meantime, to officiate, on account of the illness of the esteemed and so much lamented General Pastor Pettee, at the installation of Rev. George S. Wheeler as pastor of the Bridgewater Society.

After a week in Washington, and attending a called meeting of the Ministers' Conference of the Maryland Association, at Baltimore, I left for Texas on Dec. 30.

Since then I have been employed as the minister of the Galveston Society, under the direction of the Board of Missions, making one missionary visit to Milano, and having the oversight of the work of the General Society of Texas. I attended and took part in its annual meeting, Feb. 8 and 9, and on its application to me as a General Pastor, recognized Messrs. A. E. Pope, J. W. Moore, and G. R. Wilson as qualified to lead in worship and to teach the doctrines of the Church, for the ensuing year.

It is with sharp regret that, for a third time, I absent myself from the annual meeting of the great congregation of the visible church; but my sense of duty forbids my leaving my post to go North this Summer. In an article for the *Messenger*, I have stated grounds for regarding this city and State as an exceedingly important field for New-Church missions, and I need not restate them here.

According to an arrangement made at the annual meeting of the General Society of the New Church in Texas, in coöperation with the Board of Missions, my work for four months, from June 1 to Oct. 1, will be in the interior of the State, beginning in the eastern counties, proceeding through the central and northwestern, to Frio in the southwest, and resuming my ministry in Galveston in October.

Report of Rev. S. S. Seward, Presiding Minister of the New-York Association.

I HAVE to report that I have renewed the authorization for one year of Dr. Francis T. Alba, of Bradley Beach, New Jersey, under Sect. 1, Art. V., of the Constitution of the Convention.

Report of Rev. John I. Herrick.

A CONTINUANCE of ill-health compels me to again report another year of inactivity. Chronic laryngitis and nervous prostration, partly the effect of sunstroke — both legacies of army life — have reduced me to apparently hopeless inaction. As compared with my condition of a year ago I am much improved, but still incapacitated for either public speaking or active life.

I have hoped to be able to report the performance of some work of a public nature for the New Church, but I cannot do so.

If I may recover enough to be useful, it seems to me that I shall be happy.

Report of Rev. W. A. L. Campbell.

I HAVE no active work to report this year. Being engaged as a teacher in the public schools of this city, my time has been taken up with that work. My thoughts and attention have been directed towards work in the West Indies, in Trinidad, where I am maturing plans for the publication of a journal in connection with Mr. Maisonneuve. In time, if I see it advisable, it is my intention to proceed to Trinidad, connect myself immediately with the New-Church people there, and organize a permanent effort for the spread of New-Church teachings and worship. In the meantime, I must wait the accumulation of the necessary funds for that purpose.

A recent communication from the Committee on Colonial and Foreign Missions of the English Conference — New-Church — informs me that they are unprepared, from a want of necessary means, to give any money assistance to New-Church efforts in that direction, but will do so in giving such literature as we may find it well to use there.

It is hardly worth while to call upon you just yet to aid the work there, until we see what can be done by an actual attempt to reëstablish the Church, by gathering and organizing the present receivers in the islands, especially in Trinidad.

I am awaiting the developments of my brother's affairs in Mexico, from whom I hope to procure the necessary means for the inception of the work. The New-Churchmen of Trinidad are ready to assist in every way, as far as their number and means will permit. The proposal made by Mr. Maisonneuve was that the New-Church people of Trinidad raise about one third, the New-Church Conference one third, and the Convention one third of the means necessary for my support there, for the first year or so — that is, until the receptivity of the people would be tested ; but, as our English New-Church people cannot assist, that must at present be abandoned.

Report of Rev. G. L. Allbutt.

THE duties of the pastorate of the Toronto Society have been fulfilled by me during the year, and the Society may be reported as in a very healthy and vigorous condition. Finding that the uses of my office were interfered with by continued connection with the Canada Association, and that as a minister connected with the General Convention it was impossible to enjoy the privileges of the Convention, where its uses were practically unrecognized, I found it essential to withdraw from the said Association.

When the General Church of Canada was formed, I was elected its President, and since January have acted in that capacity. There is every reason to believe that this new body of the Church, founded upon the broad platform of the general principles of the New Church, will prove to be an increasingly successful instrumentality in the furtherance of the work of the New Church in the Dominion.

Mr. T. M. Martin, of Toronto, having been unanimously appointed the missionary of the General Church of Canada, I authorized him to preach and lecture in this capacity, also to officiate at funerals. He has done a great deal of important work both in Toronto and Hamilton.

In conclusion, I would state that I have been greatly strengthened in discharging the duties of my office, by a resolution of the Toronto Society, unanimously adopted, Aug. 20, ult., as follows : —

"*Resolved*, That we wish to place on record the fact that our affection for our pastor, the Rev. G. L. Allbutt, and our confidence in him both as regards his ability to teach and his soundness in the doctrines of the Lord's New Church, are in nowise diminished by anything that occurred at the above [that is the last] meeting of the Canada Association."

Hoping to enter more fully into the uses of the General Church of Canada, through its hearty coöperation with the General Convention, the above report is respectfully submitted.

Report of Rev. Frank L. Higgins.

IN June, 1890, I resigned from the ministry of the St. Louis Society, owing to illness and the advice of a physician that I take a vacation of a year or more from pulpit work.

On leaving St. Louis, I came to Lake Charles, La., where I entered by degrees into manual labor, and was in consequence, at the end of a few months, blessed with a complete restoration of health, and am now perfectly well.

While in Lake Charles — a place of about five thousand inhabitants — I preached by invitation in four different churches, namely, the Methodist Episcopal Church, once; the Methodist Episcopal Church South, twice; the Congregational Church, twice; and in the Presbyterian Church, nine times on five consecutive Sabbaths, where I was invited, on the resignation of the pastor, on Jan. 1, to serve as a supply until they could get a minister of their own denomination. I thus preached in all fourteen sermons in Lake Charles, which seemed to be well received.

While engaged in the above mentioned capacity as a supply, a Methodist clergyman remarked to me: "Is n't it rather singular that the Presbyterians should ask you who are a Swedenborgian to supply their pulpit?"

I replied: "Yes; I think it is, and was surprised when they — knowing me to be a New-Churchman — asked me to do so."

He then continued: "I was once engaged to supply a Presbyterian pulpit for several weeks, and thought that to be very unusual, as the Presbyterians are so conservative; but this is far more unusual than in my case." Then, after a pause, he added: "Well; the world moves."

In Lake Charles I found a number of people who seemed much interested in the doctrines, and who in time may become full receivers. I trust that at least a little seed has been sown, which like the mustard seed that has lain for a time apparently only buried up and lost, will, in its own season, spring up when the conditions become favorable, even though it may not be until many years have passed.

On March 4, we left Lake Charles and came to Cameron, in Cameron parish (as the counties in this State are called), where I have opened a private school, which I have been teaching now for about two months. In connection with my school, I shall preach part of the time, as they have been having preaching hitherto only one Sunday in four by a Methodist minister, who has three other appointments which take the three other Sundays.

Some of the people asked me when I first came, if I would not preach here, regularly, on the three Sundays not occupied by the Methodist Episcopal minister; to which I consented. But I found after preaching two Sundays that the Methodist Episcopal minister was prejudiced, and so I stopped preaching, and will not preach for the present, except by urgent invitation, as I do not want to arouse antagonism among my patrons, whom I believe I can reach through the influence exerted upon the children in the school, even better than through preaching. I open the school every morning with reading from the Word, and then give a short talk on the spiritual meaning of the passage read, and then have the Lord's Prayer, in which all join on bended knees. I told the pupils in the beginning that no one need kneel unless he preferred to do so. But still they all knelt and continue to do so, and seem to enjoy the little season of worship very much, which to me is very sacred. Several of the people have said recently that they wished I would continue to preach, but I think it better not to preach very often for a few months to come, for the above reasons.

The people here are thoroughly alive to the importance of education and moral training for their children, and one of them said to the Methodist Episcopal minister, when the latter asked him if he was n't afraid Mr. Higgins would make Swedenborgians of his children, "Well; I would much rather that Mr. Higgins make Swedenborgians of them, than that they should grow up in ignorance or be taught by such teachers as we have been having."

This man with his family had never before heard any but Methodist doctrine, but he is very progressive. He often visits me and asks many questions about the doctrines and always seems pleased and satisfied with my answers.

Providence has guided and provided for us in a most wonderful manner. I enjoy my work here more than any other use I have ever performed. The happy states of the children in their work, which I try to make as interesting and enjoyable to them as possible, and also the sphere of the angels attendant upon them in their innocent years, bring to me or affect me with a deep joy and peace.

I pray that the Convention may be one of great power and blessing, and that all who attend may be drawn closer to the Lord by being drawn closer to one another.

From Rev. L. G. Jordan.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 23, 1891.

*Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in U. S.:—*

Dear Sir: Believing that continued membership in the Convention is inconsistent with membership in the General Church of the Advent of the Lord, I hereby tender my resignation of membership and office in the General Convention, so far as the same is involved in being recognized as a minister of the Convention.

Respectfully,

L. G. JORDAN.

From Rev. W. F. Pendleton.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 20, 1891.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the U. S.:—*

Dear Sir: As the General Church of Pennsylvania, on the twentieth day of November last, severed its connection with the General Convention, and as I am in full sympathy with such act of severance, I desire no longer to be recognized as a priest or minister of the Convention, and I do hereby withdraw from official

position and connection with the same. Will you please, therefore, have my name stricken from the Roll of the ministers of the Convention?

Respectfully yours,

W. F. PENDLETON.

From Rev. Edward C. Bostock.

LONDON, ENG., March 6, 1891.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America :—*

Dear Sir : The undersigned, a member of the General Church of Pennsylvania, in harmony with the action of that Church taken at its last general meeting in Allegheny, Pa., hereby withdraws from membership in the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

EDWARD C. BOSTOCK.

From Rev. John Whitehead.

ALLEGHENY, PA., May 14, 1891.

*To Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Council
of the General Convention :—*

Dear Sir : I herewith tender my resignation as member of the General Council, having withdrawn from the Convention, being in accord with the action of the General Church of Pennsylvania at its last meeting.

Yours truly,

JOHN WHITEHEAD.

From Rev. Ellis I. Kirk.

ALLPORT, PA. March 25, 1891.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America :—*

Dear Sir : I am a member of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and in agreement with its act at its last general meeting in

Allegheny. Therefore I withdraw from membership in the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

Yours most respectfully,

REV. ELLIS I. KIRK.

From Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17, 1891.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America:—*

Dear Sir: The effort to have a common organization of all the New-Churchmen on this continent has for some time appeared to me to be a failure. The acts and utterances of the Convention and of most of its officers and leading members, for the last two years, betokening a sad lack of the three essentials of Church unity, have weaned me of the last remnants of hope that such an organization might be maintained. As the General Church of the Advent of the Lord now occupies a new and more sovereign position, to which it has been led by the actual acknowledgment of the Lord our Redeemer and Saviour as He has now revealed Himself in the doctrines of the New Church—an acknowledgment in which it differs from your body—the time has come for me to sever my connection with the General Convention.

Moreover, as a minister of the New Church, subject above all human institutions to the law concerning ecclesiastical government revealed in *The New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine*, 311-319, and elsewhere, charity requires my withdrawal from an organization in which all efforts have proved unavailing to maintain this law, while success has attended the persistent efforts to invalidate it.

I, therefore, respectfully resign the position of a minister in the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

With my sincere acknowledgments of the courtesies that have been shown me at various times by certain members of the Convention, I am,

Very respectfully yours, -

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK.

From Rev. Enoch S. Price.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 5, 1891=121.

*Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America:—*

I herewith tender my resignation from membership in the General Convention, and request that my name be dropped from the Roll of ministers of that body.

ENOCH S. PRICE.

From Rev. C. Th. Odhner.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 21, 1891=121.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Church in the United States:—*

Dear Sir: I herewith lay before you my resignation of membership in the General Convention, with the request that my name be removed from the list of the ministers connected with the General Convention.

Very respectfully yours,

C. TH. ODHNER.

A Priest of the Lord's New Church.

From Rev. William H. Acton.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 5, 1891.

To the Rev. S. S. Seward, Secretary:—

Dear Sir: Hereby I wish to inform you that I have withdrawn from all connection with the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of North America.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM H. ACTON.

Minister of the New Church.

From Rev. N. Dandridge Pendleton.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 5, 1890=121.

*Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America :—*

Dear Sir: Being in full accord with the action taken by the General Church of Pennsylvania at its last annual meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 13 to 16, 1890=121, which action was an ultimate severance of the external relations existing between the General Church and the General Convention arising from the internal severance previously existing, I therefore withdraw from the General Convention, and hereby request that my name be taken from its list of ministers.

Respectfully,

N. DANDRIDGE PENDLETON.

Special Reports.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE IUNGERICH FUND.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

THE undersigned acting trustees of the Iungerich Fund respectfully make report that their associate, Mr. Edward C. Iungerich, who is now living abroad in Europe, has sent in his resignation as trustee of this Fund by an instrument in writing bearing date the eighteenth day of April, 1891, and acknowledged before the United States Consul at Nice, in France, the same day.

In accordance with the provisions in the original Deed of Trust, which bears date on the fourth day of May A. D. 1874, it was *inter alia* provided as follows:—

Provided always and it is hereby further declared that when and so often as any of said trustees or of their successors in the trust shall die, go to reside abroad, desire to be discharged from, renounce, decline, or become incapable or unfit to act in said trusts while the same are subsisting (either before or after their or his acceptance of the trusts hereof) then and in every or any such cases and so often as the same shall happen, it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing trustees or trustee hereof (whether such surviving trustees or trustee shall be willing to act in other respects or not) by any writing or writings under their or his hands or hand to nominate any person or persons to be trustee or trustees hereof in the place of the trustee or trustees so dying, going to reside abroad, desiring to be discharged, renouncing, declining, or becoming incapable or unfit to act as aforesaid, said nomination to be made to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, if such vacancy shall occur not more than six months before the time of the next meeting thereof, and if a greater time than six months shall intervene between the occurring of said vacancy and the next meeting of the Convention as aforesaid, then to the Executive Committee of said Convention, and if said nomination or nominations shall be confirmed by said Convention or Executive Committee, as the case may be, then the trust estate remaining shall at once vest in said new trustee or trustees so nominated and confirmed jointly with the other surviving or acting trustees or trustee to and for the same uses and upon the same trusts and with and subject to the same powers and provisions as are herein declared and contained of and concerning the same, and that every new trustee to be from time to time appointed as aforesaid shall thenceforth be competent

in all things to act in the execution of the trust hereof as fully and effectually and with the same powers and authorities to all purposes whatsoever as if he had been originally appointed a trustee in the place of the trustee to whom he shall whether immediately or otherwise succeed.

By the Supplemental Deed of Trust bearing date on the twenty-sixth day of June, 1877, this provision in relation to the appointment of new trustees was modified as follows:—

When and as often as a vacancy shall occur among said trustees in any of the ways specified in the foregoing Deed of Trust, then I direct that the surviving and continuing trustees shall nominate three persons to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in America, if such vacancy shall occur not more than six months before the next meeting thereof, and if a greater time than six months shall intervene between the occurrence of said vacancy and the next meeting of the General Convention as aforesaid, then to the Executive Committee of said General Convention, which said persons shall be chosen with particular reference to their business qualifications and aptitude for the work, and inasmuch as the duties of their trust are to be performed with the clergy of the Protestant Churches, that the latter may feel in greater freedom, I would suggest and direct that successors to said trustees be chosen from among the laity of the New Church rather than from the clergy, and I further direct that no person or persons shall be nominated to the General Convention or Executive Committee as aforesaid, who shall not receive the vote of a majority of the surviving and acting trustees as aforesaid; and from the three persons so chosen the said General Convention or Executive Committee as aforesaid as the case may be shall select one person who shall thereupon be and become one of the trustees under said deed of trust as hereby modified, and the trust estate remaining shall at once vest in said new trustee jointly with the other surviving or acting trustees or trustee to and for the same uses and upon the same trusts and with and subject to the same powers and provisions as are therein and herein declared and contained of and concerning the same. And every new trustee, to be from time to time chosen and elected as aforesaid, shall thenceforth be competent in all things to act in the execution of the trusts thereof as fully and effectually and with all the same powers and authorities to all purposes whatsoever as if he had been originally appointed a trustee in the place and stead of the trustee to whom he shall whether immediately or otherwise succeed. *Provided, however,* that no commissions shall at any time be charged by or paid to the said trustees or any of them or any of their successors in the trust for the performance of their duties as trustees thereunder, for no man should be chosen to act in this trust who will not gladly and cheerfully contribute his labor without cost for the performance of this use. No other person must be selected

as by reference to copies of the said Deed of Trust and Supplement thereto, which have been placed on file with your secretaries, will more fully and at large appear.

Acting in pursuance of the powers vested in them by said Deed of Trust and Supplement the acting trustees do now nominate to the General Convention the three following-named persons, all of whom have received the unanimous vote of the acting trustees, from whom the Convention are requested to chose a successor to the said Edward C. Iungerich, namely, Mr. George Burnham, Mr. Richard A. Lewis, and Mr. Lewis I. Smith, the latter being a grandson of the founder of the trust. It is a source of considerable regret that Mr. Iungerich should have felt called upon to sever his connection with this very important trust which was founded by his father, but we have no discretion in the matter, and are compelled regretfully to report this resignation and to ask the intervention of the Convention in choosing a successor as aforesaid.

We would further report as directed by the Deed of Trust, under which we are appointed, as to our operations during the past year, as follows — it being understood, however, that the figures herein given are simply made up to the twenty-seventh day of April instead of the first of May, in order that the report might be sent abroad in time to obtain the signature of Mr. Julien Shoemaker, who is at this time in England.

The balance in the hands of the Trustees as per their last report,	
June 10, 1890, was	\$38,725.69
of which \$38,100 was invested.	
There has been collected of income from June 10, 1890, to date . .	2,250.95
	<u>\$40,976.64</u>
There has been paid J. B. Lippincott Company for manufacturing	
books	1,015.10
Leaving a balance in hand of	\$39,961.54
Invested for purposes of the Trust	\$38,100.00
May 1, 1891, Cash Balance	1,861.54
	<u>\$39,961.54</u>

The demand for the Gift Books has been increased during the past year, probably by the circulation of the large edition of the *New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine*, which was sent out in very great quantities by Dr. Ellis, which book contained the offer of the Gift Books. The increase will be more noticeable if it is remembered that the circulation of books was made last year up to the tenth of June, whereas this year, for the reason above given, it is only made to the twenty-seventh of April.

There have been distributed during the past year

Of the True Christian Religion	1,242 copies
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	1,348 copies

During the same time the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed, —

Of Heaven and Hell	1,320 copies
Of the Life of Swedenborg	1,196 copies

As we have often stated, the work of the Tract Society forms no part of the work of the Trustees, but as the Committee on Distribution of the Tract Society takes immediate charge of the distribution of the Gift Books, and therefore keeps track of the work of both agencies, they give these figures for the information of the Church at large.

The total number of books distributed to date is as follows : —

By the Iungerich Trustees, —

Of the True Christian Religion	32,831
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	25,522

By the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society, —

Of Heaven and Hell	31,034
Of the Life of Swedenborg	13,651

Making a grand total of	103,038
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The Trustees feel that they cannot conclude their report without again expressing their acknowledgments to Dr. Ellis for the great help which he has rendered them. They cannot but think that the widespread distribution of Swedenborg's *New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine* must produce a very profound impression. Mr. Henry G. Thompson, the energetic President of the Connecticut Association, also helps the Trustees in their work by calling attention to their offer; and again, in conclusion, it must always be remembered that without the coöperation of the Trustees of the Rotch Fund this important work would probably not have assumed the proportions it has. They have supplied the plates from which the copies of the books distributed by the Iungerich Trustees have

been printed. We cannot, therefore, do less than tender to them our sincere acknowledgments, doubting not, however, that they find their best reward in the knowledge of the use which has been accomplished.

There have been very many interesting incidents in connection with the work during the past year, which the Trustees would gladly report were it not for the fact that the time of the Convention would hardly seem to permit it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIAN SHOEMAKER, HENRY IUNGERICH, WM. McGEORGE, JR.,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
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REPORT OF THE GERMAN MISSIONARY UNION OF THE NEW
CHURCH IN AMERICA.

THE Missionary Union carried on its uses in the past year as usual, supplying the German New Church in this country with the publications of the Church in the German language, publishing the *Neukirchenblatt*, and giving assistance to the mission work in Switzerland.

The infestation of the German New Church arising from Mr. Artopé's commixture of Tulkism and pantheism seems now to be passing away. The movement in this country lost a great part of its opportunity for harm when the German Synod, at its last meeting, separated its officers and members who were followers of Artopé. The movement still survives — indeed, in the *quasi* New-Church Societies in Berlin and in Monethen, Germany, the Society in Herisau, Switzerland, and the Artopé Society in Vienna, as well as in the German New-Church Society in Newark, N. J. — but it is to be hoped that the schism will also in these Societies gradually die out with the death of the founder, and a clear and rational faith in the heavenly doctrines may follow.

The German New Church has been much distracted in the last five years by the separatism of the followers of Artopé, as well as the tendencies of other parties in the German Church, but the sentiment that the unity produced by love and charity is of higher

value than the destructive insistence on any particular view of doctrine seems to be getting the upper hand, and there is not only a strong desire but also a hope that the tendency to fritter away the strength of the Church in useless and harmful dissensions may soon be succeeded by an era of good-will and of harmony. It has been the earnest effort of the Missionary Union, in the past year, to forward this end.

Books were sold in the past year to the amount of \$471.88; other moneys received for the uses of the Union, amounted to \$437.80; cash in hand, May, 1890, \$105.71; making a total of \$1,015.39. The amount expended by the Union for its various uses was \$791.28, leaving a cash balance of \$224.11.

Praying that the spirit of love and harmony from the Lord may rest upon your meeting and bless your work in His name, the above is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS H. TAFEL, *Vice-President.*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING OF A
HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

ALL the vacancies in this Committee have at last been filled, and as at present constituted it consists of Francis A. Dewson, David L. Webster, Henry W. Guernsey, Mordaunt Bodine, G. Woolworth Colton, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., E. Burgess Warren, George S. Merrell, Milo B. Stevens, Job Barnard, H. C. Spencer, J. J. Edson, George Burnham, J. R. Putnam, and Jas. Sears. We are compelled to report that we have not yet received subscriptions enough to pay the full consideration money for the lots that have been purchased for the church. Little progress has been made in this direction during the past year, and as will appear from the report of the Treasurer of the Committee, Mr. Dewson, which is published with his general report as Treasurer of the Convention, there is still owing the sum of \$7,646.67 unpaid debt on account of the land. So long as this debt is unpaid, it is impracticable to think of doing anything towards erecting a building, and yet, until there is some small structure erected upon the property, which is used for the purpose of public worship, these lots will only prove

a source of expense, because taxes will have to be paid upon them, whereas, as soon as they commence to be used for the purposes for which they were intended these taxes will cease.

This Committee has been designated a National Committee for the erection of a church at Washington. This designation would seem to indicate the purpose originally intended in the formation of the Committee, and it might be well for the members of the Church at large to remember this purpose, and the obligation it entails upon them. It was felt that it would be useful as a general missionary undertaking to have a good church edifice in the capital of the country. While we cannot borrow from other churches in the matter of doctrine, we can learn of them lessons of worldly wisdom. All denominations of the old church, both Catholic and Protestant, have seen the importance of being properly represented in Washington, which is becoming a great educational centre; and the Catholic Church especially—than which there is none wiser in a worldly point of view—has spent large sums of money in establishing colleges and other Church institutions there. When the Committee was designated a “National Committee,” and when only three of the fifteen were chosen from Washington, it became apparent that it was expected of the Church outside of that city to build this edifice. So far, however, the Washington Society have done the larger part of what has been accomplished; and, as might be expected in accordance with the general law, that Society, from this very fact alone, has experienced the greater benefit. Their faithful work in this direction, and the interest they have shown in the work of this Committee, has had a reflex action upon the Society, and has caused more interest to be taken in its meetings for worship. Its numbers have also increased, and the Washington Society today is in better shape and better position to sustain itself than it has probably ever been, and this is one of the uses that the formation of this Committee has thus far subserved.

The composition of the Committee makes it difficult to secure frequent and full meetings, but there has been on the part of the Committee a remarkable unanimity of purpose and full appreciation of the uses which might be accomplished. From letters received, however, it is plain that there is some misunderstanding as to the purposes of the Committee, and it seems to be taken for granted that the church to be erected in Washington is to be of an

unusual and extravagant character. The fact of the matter is, the Committee has not agreed upon any plans, nor will any be determined upon until some estimate can be formed of the amount of money available. What the Committee would like to do would be to erect a good and substantial church edifice, which, while not pretentious in character, should nevertheless be creditable in its design and general appearance and workmanship, and fully adapted to the uses for which it is intended. They would also like to provide a bright and cheerful Sunday-school room, and, if possible, a place which might be used for a book-room.

There is one circumstance, however, which is well worthy of notice, and that is the great interest that seems to have been taken in this enterprise by widely scattered and isolated members of the Church. The contributions, while not very large in amount, have yet been quite numerous and have been generous when the means of those who contributed them are considered. Our Treasurer reports that some of the letters accompanying these subscriptions are very pathetic in their character, and evince the strongest desire that the object of the Committee may be accomplished. The condition of the money market during the past year has doubtless prevented many who otherwise would have sent in liberal subscriptions from doing so, but with better prospects, and with now a full Committee, which should give greater efficiency, we confidently look for better things the coming year. A very few new subscriptions, and the payment of those already made, would enable us to clear off the debt upon the lots, and as soon as this is done the way will doubtless open for the erection of a temporary building at least, which would save the present expense of about two hundred dollars a year for taxes and six hundred dollars a year for rent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McGEORGE, JR., *President.*

H. C. SPENCER, *Secretary.*

Addresses.

ADDRESS FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF
THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

DEAR BRETHREN, — The address written on your behalf by the Rev. Philip B. Cabell was read at the last session of the General Conference by the Rev. Jabez Fox, whom we were glad to welcome again as your messenger, together with our old and honored friend, the Rev. Dr. Hibbard. It is now my privilege to perform the duty assigned to me as President, and to forward to you our grateful acknowledgments and fraternal reply.

The Conference heartily reciprocates your satisfaction at this annual interchange of greetings, and regrets that its present message cannot be conveyed by the living voice of some duly commissioned representative. Like you we rejoice at the evidence afforded by such communications of the extension of the New Church, with its enlightening and vivifying influences, through areas far wider than those supplying our own constituents, and amid communities greatly varying in their characters and circumstances. We are happy also in the knowledge that, through the Divine blessing on our respective efforts, we are ourselves allowed to coöperate in the work of this diffusion; and, having freely received into our own minds and hearts the inestimable treasures of the gospel of the Second Advent, to give the same to others as freely as our opportunities and wills permit. From your admirable *Messenger*, and the other organs of various sections of the Church in your great country, we learn with sympathetic interest of your energetic and successful missionary operations. Especially do we congratulate you on having been privileged by Divine Providence to communicate the light of the Golden City to the intelligent and progressive inhabitants of Japan. Rich through past ages in their own refined and characteristic arts, and exhibiting recently an unprecedented aptitude for absorbing from the more active civili-

zation of the West every mechanical process or political or social institution of proved practical utility, their singular capacity to understand and assimilate new principles and methods clearly marked them out as destined for some conspicuous position among the great family of nations; while at the same time their slowness to accept the dogmas of perverted Christianity pointed towards materialistic agnosticism as probably the unsatisfactory goal of their prevailing tendencies in relation to religious faith. We trust that the rational spirituality of those heavenly doctrines, which some among them have already so eagerly embraced, will commend itself to other thoughtful minds, and that the New Church will win among the keen-witted and logical truth-seekers of Japan many loving students resolute to carry her luminous and enlivening principles consistently into practice as their daily law of conduct.

The Conference heartily concurs in your thoughtful and earnest presentation of the essential truths that the Lord Jesus Christ in His Divine Humanity is the only God of heaven and earth, and that salvation can be attained by no other process than by actual repentance and a life of obedience to His Commandments. These are indeed the Two Witnesses mentioned in the Apocalypse (xi. 3-12), for by their testimony the accuracy of all profession and the quality of every character and action must be determined. We were profoundly impressed with the truth of your remark that "we have not yet made ourselves generally known to the world as Jesus worshippers, but have acquired a reputation rather vague in outline as teachers of strange doctrines and readers of many books."

Since Conference listened to these words, they have been often quoted at our public meetings, and some of our ministers have taken occasion to direct attention to the supreme and central doctrine of our Church, to which they so strikingly refer, by special sermons or lectures. Perhaps, indeed, we have never rightly estimated our power in possessing this sublime doctrine, and thus have possibly failed to grasp successes actually within our reach. The preaching and prayers and hymns of the Salvation Army, and of revivalists in general, false in doctrine and crude and offensive in taste, as they often are, doubtless owe most of their sometimes marvellous effect to their vivid delineations of the Saviour's redeeming love, and their fervent appeals to the worshippers to love Him and to devote themselves more fully to His service. From

the errors and defects of such ministrations we must of course keep free. Equally of course we must seek to proclaim and faithfully expound the wealth of doctrinal instruction whereby the Lord in His New Church unfolds in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Surely, however, this may be so done as to intensify rather than enfeeble or obscure the hearer's sense of the infinity of Divine compassion and self-surrendering love! To proclaim the veil which has too long hidden the face of our merciful God rolled away — to declare that He needed no suffering victim, that His perfect justice sought no satisfaction beyond that of making wrong things right by saving His people from their sins — to point to Jehovah as Himself the good Shepherd who came into the wilderness to seek and save His lost ones, the Divine Father who Himself ran to meet and restore His prodigal children — surely such a Gospel admits of modes of presentation which should pierce deaf ears, and soften hard hearts, and bend stubborn knees in humiliation and repentance and self-consecrating devotion!

While not unmarked, we would humbly trust, by useful work done at our Lord's command and for the establishment of His kingdom, the year with us has been one of unusual difficulty and trial. Painful controversies have divided those accustomed to march side by side; and the duty of maintaining fidelity to truth, consistently with the claims of mutual charity, has taxed our utmost care. We know that such occasional experiences are almost inseparable from our present imperfect state. Communities, like individuals, have their seasons of trial, permitted by the Divine Providence for ends of ultimate advantage; and it is our wish and prayer so to deal with existing difficulties, in conformity with the laws of heavenly order, that evil may be discovered and put away, and good purified and strengthened. Thus will the way be prepared for secure and enduring progress towards the glorious condition assured by prophecy to the Lord's New Church, as a "kingdom which shall never be destroyed" or "left to other people," but "it shall stand forever." (DAN. ii. 44.)

On behalf of the General Conference, I am, dear brethren,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN PRESLAND, *President.*

Countersigned, E. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS FROM THE SWISS UNION OF THE NEW CHURCH.

ZURICH, May 4, 1891.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,— The message which you have addressed to the Swiss Union of the New Church, through our esteemed brother, the Rev. Frank Sewall, has given us great pleasure. It came too late to be read at our last annual meeting, but it has been published in the organ of our Union, the *Monatblatter*, and has been read with interest by all our members. Our Executive Committee desires me to express our sincere thanks to you, and our appreciation of the kind words of sympathy and encouragement conveyed to us through your message.

You allude to the importance of an external organization of the New Church—to the value of the privilege of coming together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for worship, for pastoral instruction, and for the administration of the Sacraments. The inestimable value of these blessings is fully recognized by us; we are fully aware that the reception of the holy truths of the new dispensation must find expression in a holy external, must be ultimate, in the worship of our Lord from whom they come, and in the celebration of the Holy Sacraments instituted by him, in order that the great end of the new revelation—conjunction with our Lord through faith and love—may constantly be kept before our eyes as the one thing needful. We are thankful that under the Divine Providence it has been vouchsafed to us to establish in this country an organization for the performance of these important uses. We trust that by the mercy of the Lord our organization will be upheld and strengthened, if we on our part try to do our duty, now and in times to come, to the best of our abilities, and we are encouraged in our aspirations by the growth and the prosperity which the organizations of the New Church in your country, united under the Constitution of the General Convention, have attained.

We have reason to believe that the doctrines of the New Church, by means of our little organization, are beginning to exert a certain influence on the intellectual life in our surroundings, that they begin to be inquired after and to be investigated by some inquir-

ing minds outside of our organization. Some of our members are teachers and some are connected with the secular press, and since they speak freely of their religious belief amongst their colleagues, the existence and the teachings of the New Church are becoming known in a general way in these circles, and are exciting a certain interest which is not altogether without results. I have been informed, for instance, that a writer here in Zürich, who has acquired some reputation for brilliancy of style, and who was going to publish a book on the freedom of the will, in which the free determination of man was utterly denied, has been so struck by the force of the arguments brought forth by one of our members from the store of the heavenly doctrines, that he withdrew his work from publication after the printing had already commenced.

There is of course a long way yet between the recognition of the beauty and the rationality of some of the more external truths of the Church, and the full recognition of the Second Coming of our Lord, on which ground alone the New Church can be established; still it is encouraging to know that rational truths emanating from the doctrines are seen and acknowledged. The acknowledgment of these truths prepares the way for the acknowledgment of the doctrines themselves and for the acknowledgment of our Lord, who is inmost in them.

In order to further the circulation of the writings of the Church in this country, we are going to establish a depot of New-Church books here in Zurich, on a somewhat larger scale than heretofore — the means for this undertaking we are raising by private subscription. In consequence of a very liberal offer from Mr. J. G. Mitnacht, of Biebrich-Mosbach, we will be enabled to obtain a large stock of these precious books.

With sincerest wishes for a useful meeting of the General Convention, and for the welfare and prosperity of the New Church in America, I remain in behalf of the Swiss Union of the New Church,

Yours most affectionately,

FEDOR GOERWITZ, *President.*

Countersigned, ADOLF BLAU, *Secretary.*

Communications.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST NEW-CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

DEAR BRETHREN, — The Pacific Coast New-Church Association was organized at San Francisco, Aug. 16, 1890—forty-three delegates from twelve Societies participating. Following are the names of said societies with their membership, and the names of their ministers or leaders:—

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS
First N. J. Society of San Francisco	Rev. John Doughty	114
San Francisco Society of the New Jerusalem	Rev. Joseph Worcester	57
San Diego, Cal.	Rev. D. V. Bowen	13
Riverside, Cal.	Rev. B. Edmiston	30
Oakland, Cal. (First Soc.)	Lucian Putnam	16
Oakland, Cal. (N. C. Ass'n)	A. A. Webber	19
Ballston, Or.	Isaac Ball	14
Portland, Or.	H. Thielsen	39
Alameda, Cal.	Rev. John Doughty	22
Ontario, Cal.	Rev. D. V. Bowen	10
Los Angeles, Cal.	J. L. Skinner	28
San José, Cal.	{ Rev. D. A. Dryden } { Dr. L. Pratt }	20
Individual Members		7
Total Membership		389

The ministers of the Association are James E. Mills, Joseph Worcester, John Doughty, B. Edmiston, D. Vincent Bowen, John T. V. Croy, and David A. Dryden, the last named of whom was ordained Aug. 17, 1890, in accordance with a vote of the Association, by a committee of its ministers.

Further information as to the objects and character of the Association may be found in its Constitution and By-Laws and in the Journal of its first meeting, several copies of which accompany this.

In accordance with a unanimous resolution of the Association, passed at its first meeting, application is hereby made for the admission of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association into membership with the General Convention.

JNO. DOUGHTY, *President.*

JAMES E. MILLS, *Secretary.*

FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH OF CANADA OF THE LORD'S NEW
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

TORONTO, May 7, 1891.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,— The General Church of Canada of the Lord's New Christian Church, a body organized on the 16th of January, 1891, for the purpose of promulgating the heavenly doctrines of the internal sense of the Holy Word revealed by the Lord through His servant Emanuel Swedenborg, desires to be received into connection with the General Convention as one of its Associations, to subscribe to its Constitution, to be represented by delegates at its annual meetings, and to have all the rights, duties, and privileges of the other Associations which compose the Convention.

We, therefore, now make application to be so received, and in order that the General Convention may understand why we make this application apart from the Canada Association, of which the majority of us were formerly members, we append hereto the reasons which seemed to us to be sufficiently important for so doing.

Signed on behalf of the General Church of Canada, as follows:—

G. L. ALLBUTT, *President.*

WM. H. LAWS, *Secretary.*

T. MOWER MARTIN, *Cor. Sec. and Delegate.*

RICHARD BRIERLEY, *Delegate.*

DR. OTTO HAHN, } *of Executive Committee.*

W. L. TAYLOR, }

C. MACKENZIE, *Delegate.*

REASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERAL CHURCH OF
CANADA AS A SEPARATE BODY OF THE CHURCH FROM THE
CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Because the Canada Association was originally founded on the broad ground of the acknowledgment of the Lord Jesus Christ as the one God, of the Word as Divine Truth, and the Ten Commandments as the precepts of life, as may be seen by its earlier form, as printed afterwards the doctrine of the love of the neighbor was added, and on these simple, general principles the uses of the Church were founded and carried on in comparative peace and harmony, until the General Pastor joined a body known as the Academy of the New Church, and commenced to introduce its views, methods, and peculiar construction of doctrine into the Association.

By this method dissension has been sown — first among the members of his own Society at Berlin, Ont., among whom he formed a Society of the Academy, importing also a young man from the Academy School in Philadelphia to assist in the pastoral duties, and establish a school wherein the principles of the Academy should be taught.

He further recommended that the Mission Board should employ another of these Academy students to have charge of two small Societies at Hamilton and Parkdale, which was done. By the action of these two on the Ecclesiastical Committee wider and greater dissension in the Association at large has been created.

He has also, without any consent or vote of the Association, ordained one of these students into the second degree of the ministry, and these with a third since imported from Philadelphia to Berlin have been in the constant effort to introduce the doctrines peculiar to the Academy, more especially teaching, and, as far as possible, exercising the authority and power of the priesthood in a manner opposed to the doctrines of the New Church as understood by the members of the General Church of Canada, and in their opinion detrimental to the progress of the Church and the reception and growth of the true doctrines in the minds of men — instances having occurred in which seekers after the truth have been repelled and rebuffed by such teaching.

Moreover the liberty which is the distinguishing mark of the

New Church has been threatened and latterly assaulted by an organized attempt on the part of the Academy party of the Ecclesiastical Committee by its usurped authority and influence to override and destroy the Constitution of the Canada Association.

Finding, therefore, no other alternative but abject submission to the assumed authority of the Academy, with its peculiar presentation of the doctrines, or separation, we have chosen the latter, and have organized ourselves under a new name, but as may be seen by our Constitution holding to the construction of the doctrines which seems to us to be the true common-sense view held by the Church at large, hoping to grow with them into a higher and broader knowledge and application of the heavenly principles they inculcate, and claiming only for ourselves what we are willing to grant to all others — liberty to work, worship, and coöperate in uses in the only way we can, that is according to our receptivity of light and life from the Lord.

FROM THE FIRST NEW-CHURCH SOCIETY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

MAY 25, 1891.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

THE Jacksonville Society of the New-Jerusalem Church hereby respectfully makes application to your body for admission into membership according to the resolution adopted by the Society at a regular meeting held in Jacksonville, on the twenty-first of April last. At the same meeting George Hughes and Charles Holmes, two of the members of the Society, were appointed to present this application and to represent our Society as delegates to the Convention.

CHARLES HOLMES.

GEORGE HUGHES.

I hereby certify that the Jacksonville Society duly appointed the above named delegates.

J. E. SMITH,
for the Society.

FROM THE REV. C. J. N. MANBY.

GOTTENBURG, May 1, 1891.

DEAR BRETHREN, — A little time ago we here had the great pleasure to see with us one of the excellent men of your country, the Rev. Dr. S. F. Dike, and our own Rev. Albert Bjorck — whom we have hailed with great joy as a minister among us — will go out as a representative of the New Church in Sweden. Those two reverend gentlemen thus will be able to give the best account of the New-Church affairs in our country at present. And I am very glad to know that Dr. Dike, as he said, had found the prospects for the New Church more favorable than he had expected, and Mr. Bjorck will tell you more nearly how the things are. He will tell you that there has been formed here a new body for spreading the Doctrines, "The New-Church Publishing Society" (*Nykyrkliga Bokförlaget*). This body, we hope, will be a good means for establishing the New Church, and a mighty instrument for uniting in a common work all New-Church people in our country. Already this body has been the cause of more general hopes and sympathies from different quarters. Of course, we here in Gottenburg entertain the most hearty sympathy for that body, and I was very pleased to see so many of our friends here in Gottenburg, at a recent meeting, giving their names in order to express their good feelings towards the Publishing Society, and the proposed voyage of Pastor Albert Bjorck, in the interest of the same Society.

Now being co-workers, not only in the common field of the New Church in Sweden, but especially in editing the new periodical, *New-Church Tidning* (*Nya Kyrkans Tidning*), as published by the before named Society, we have had occasion to mingle in work, and I am convinced that my friend Pastor Bjorck will tell you also something of that our common work, and even of the work here in Gottenburg and in the missionary field.

Thus I have no need of enlarging upon those matters. You may only allow me to say that it was my favor, during last Summer's four month's missionary travels, to lecture and preach in more than twenty cities and towns, including also Christiania in Norway, and Copenhagen in Denmark — a very encouraging work indeed.

After my returning home to Gottenburg, in the beginning of

October, the Divine services were taken up, and have since been going on without interruption, except one Sunday in February, when away from home, I delivered several discourses and one sermon in Orebro, when I had the pleasure of seeing and making acquaintance with Pastor Bjorck for the first time.

Thanks to the generosity of your Board of Missions, and others, it became possible to establish the kind of loan libraries, named "Ambulating Libraries," of which I have told your Board of Missions. The use of those libraries now has been proved, and more than a dozen of them are out in the field, continuing the work begun by the missionary's living voice, and it is to be hoped that their silent work will go on and be enlarged during many a coming year.

If it be allowed to me also this year to make missionary travels, I cannot say yet, but I hope that it may be possible, though not in the same degree as last year. The work certainly is most important and recommends itself to the best efforts of all warm New-Church friends, and so I firmly hope that the necessary means will come in. The collections always taken up at the lectures and services have proved to be a good help. Last Summer they amounted to nearly 235 kronor.

What would be a good means of promoting our cause here in Gotenburg would be a place where we could have evening lectures, not to speak of the services themselves. Thus we are longing for a church of our own, and, towards the end of last year, I wrote to one of the prominent friends of Sweden in your country, if he might be able to do something to promote the said much-to-be-desired project. Perhaps he has never received my letter, or not thought it possible to do anything at present. In order to form a small beginning, as a little growing seed, a part of the kind gift I this Spring have received from your Missionary Board has been set aside (100 kronor), and it is intended, by collections and gifts, to have this puny fund augmented by and by.

Wishing you a much blessed session to the benefit of the Lord's New Church in all countries, I remain, dear friends,

Affectionately, yours in the Lord,

C. J. N. MANBY.

FROM THE NEW-CHURCH SOCIETY IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

BELoved BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN THE LORD,— Since a quarter of a century some enlightened brethren have been working as indefatigable laborers in fostering and spreading the spiritual doctrines of our New Church, and are unweariedly at work carrying together, in a spiritual manner, one building stone after another to the bright height of our heavenly Sun-temple, and to join them together into a firm tabernacle for the Lord. Despite of the assaulting external forces we have ever faithfully held together a small and spiritual church in the love of our Lord.

For many years their prayer has been “Lord! let us build to Thee a tabernacle.” It is good for us to be here — and now we have been so far strengthened and purified by the grace of God, that we have been enabled to form an orderly central Society of the Church for our great country of Hungary; we have thus arrived at the threshold of the long desired wish of our heart in procuring a hall for the regular worship of the New Church, beginning with May 1 of this year. Here we shall labor indefatigably for the spread and glorification of the spiritual doctrine of the New Jerusalem. In this we shall be ably assisted by our library and the two New-Church works translated into the Hungarian tongue: *Letters to a Man of the World*, by Le Boys des Guays, and *Skepticism and Revelation*, by Dr. John Ellis, in German by Rev. A. Roeder — the latter work will soon issue from the press.

We are, however, sorry to say that the raising of the means for the annual rent of our hall, as well as the necessary furnishing of the same, will greatly strain our resources, and we therefore confidently appeal once for all to your kindness and generosity.

Brethren and sisters! coöperate in this small pious work for the glorification of our only God Jehovah Jesus. Contribute according to your means for this useful and necessary work of the Church, mindful of the Words of the apostle, “Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruit of your righteousness.”

Consider brethren and sisters, “The body is not one member, but many,” if every one among you makes our holy cause his own and the Lord’s, and assists us ever so little so that we may be able to stand before the public as a Society of the New Church and assist

us in causing the spiritual seed to fructify, for which the soil is here so favorable for a blessed increase, promising to spread a mighty light over vast regions, — we shall regard it as the will of God. “Distribute to the necessity of the saints” and be “given to hospitality.” By your ever so small contribution, you make ready the path of the Lord, you give a dwelling to the Lord in the land of the Philistines.

Contribute with us for eternity and the Lord will provide and bless your kindly offering. Take up a collection for us only once, and Christ will reward you sevenfold in the eternal glorious regions of our heavenly city, the New Jerusalem.

Help us and gather into the bag of eternal rewards ! Our fervent prayers will ever more bless your temporary alms ; for to do good and to communicate to others is well pleasing to the Lord.

We pray you to send any contribution for this end to our treasurer, Karl Albrecht, IV., Schiffgasse, No. 6, Budapest.

Committing you and ourselves to the grace and love of Jehovah Jesus, we sign in the name of the Society, in this favored time of the Lord.

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY,

April, 1891 (the 134 year of the New Church).

DR. DANIELY GEORG, *President.*

PROF. DR. JOHN NAHRHAFT, *Leader of Worship.*

FRANZ KRUPKA, *Secretary.*

KARL ALBRECHT, *Treasurer.*

FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

*To the Rev. Chauncy Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America: —*

DEAR SIR, — The General Church of Pennsylvania, in view of the intolerable nature of its relations with the General Convention of the New Jerusalem, arising in part from a radically diverse understanding of certain fundamental doctrines of the Church, and in part from the manifest hostility of the General Convention to the General Church, hereby declares the severance of its past connection with the Convention and its assumption of the position of an

independent coördinate Church, having its own order and government and pursuing its own ends and uses, under the style and title of the "General Church of the Advent of the Lord," without antagonism to any other organization of the Church, and as far as may be at peace with all. In this declaration of the separation of the Convention from the General Church of Pennsylvania, the latter body contemplates a step in the general movement of the New Church that involves substantial progress in rationality and freedom as well as in the establishment of true order, both internal and external — a progress that shall ultimately promote the good of all the members of the Lord's Church.

W. H. BENADE, *Bishop*.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23, 1891.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D. D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee (or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECTION 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECTION 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of —— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have used the income only of the property devised, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consists in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

THIS Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord from His Word in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

ARTICLE II.—*Meetings, etc.*

SECTION 1.— Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

SECTION 2.— All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the Societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

SECTION 3.— Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen; a Council of Ministers, consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with four ministers and six laymen, to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—*Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have superintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V. — *The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE.

"There are things of two kinds which must be in order among men, namely, those that are of heaven, and those that are of the world : those that are of heaven are called ecclesiastical, and those that are of the world are called civil.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers, who shall observe all things that are done according to order, and those done contrary to order ; and shall reward them that live according to order, and punish them that live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish ; for it is innate in every one by inheritance to desire to rule over others, and to possess the goods of others ; whence come enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils : wherefore, unless men were held in check by laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for them that do good ; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life for them that do evil ; the human race would perish.

"There must therefore be rulers to keep associations of men in order, who should be skilled in the laws, wise, and fearing God. There must also be order among the rulers, lest any, from caprice or inexperience, should permit evils against order, and so destroy it : which is guarded against when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination.

"Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical affairs, are called priests, and their office the priesthood. But rulers over the things among men which relate to the world, or civil affairs, are called magistrates, and their chief, where there is such a form of government, is called a king.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them ; they must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the sheep ; but they that teach, and do not lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are evil shepherds.

"Priests must not claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, because they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are ; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone.

"Priests should have dignity and honor on account of the holy things which they administer ; but they that are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom are the holy things, and not to themselves ; while they that are not wise, ascribe honor to themselves. These take it away from the Lord. Those that ascribe honor to themselves, on account of the holy things which they administer, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for ; but those that give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers ; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated with the employment. Personal honor is the honor of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord.

"Priests must teach the people and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one; since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated; for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists.

"As priests are appointed to administer the things which are of Divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer the things which are of civil law and judgment."—H. D., nos. 311–319.

SECTION 1.—A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so long as continued; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 2.—A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECTION 3.—A minister who has been invited by a society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECTION 4.—A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention; or an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of General Pastor in its Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, during his continuance in office; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECTION 5.—When a minister is suspended from the exercise of the functions of his office by authority of an Association or other General Body of the Church, such suspension shall be reported to the Council of Ministers, and by them reported to the General Convention, with their recommendations as to the final disposal of the case. The General Council of the Convention may suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association or other General Body of the Church, which suspension shall in like manner be reported to the Council of Ministers and by them reported to the General Convention. This Section shall not be so construed as to prevent an Association from enjoining a minister from the exercise of his functions within its own limits.

ARTICLE VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote ; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be referred to the General Council or the Council of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting ; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a three-fourths vote of the Convention.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word and prayer, every morning.

SECTION 2.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECTION 4.—All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each session of the Convention.

SECTION 5.—Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order:—

1. Address of the President.
2. Report of the Secretaries.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the General Council.
5. Report of the Board of Publication.
6. Report of the Corporation of the Theological School.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund.
8. Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.
10. Report of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.
12. Report of the Council of Ministers.
13. Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.
14. Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's manuscripts.
15. Report of the American New-Church Sabbath-school Association.
16. Reports of Associations in alphabetical order.
17. Reports of Societies.
18. Reports of General Pastors and Ministers.
19. Special Reports.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. New Business.

When any report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to

the report of the General Council, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above reports until all of them have been read; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECTION 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECTION 8.—When a report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECTION 9.—The *yays* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECTION 10.—The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

SECTION 11.—The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention.

SECTION 12.—The President shall from time to time address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other general bodies of the Church, or appoint some person or persons to do so.

SECTION 13.—All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention or the General Council for adoption.

SECTION 14.—The Board of Publication shall make its annual report to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of the session of the Convention, embracing all matters intended to be brought by it before that body for its action.

SECTION 15.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECTION 16.—The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the General Council; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall judge necessary.

They shall condense and tabulate all reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings; they shall revise the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectively are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECTION 17.—The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other documents sent to this Convention, as soon as received. They shall also under the direction of the President distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies or persons abroad.

SECTION 18.—Meetings of the General Council may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Council, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Council, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Council; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Council at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation.

SECTION 19.—All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution; but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence.

SECTION 20.—The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any committee, or to appoint any committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal. All officers and committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention.

SECTION 21.—There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention, and of nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION 22.—A committee of three persons shall be appointed to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for each meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention; but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention.

SECTION 23.—A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one, two, three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, by the Convention or the General Council, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECTION 24. — When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association or other collective body reporting to the Convention, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretary of the Council of Ministers. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Council to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention. The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of the ministers, and report the same to the Convention.

SECTION 25. — All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECTION 26. — The Constitution and Act of Incorporation shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.

2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)

3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath school and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.

5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15-17.

6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, or other collective body reporting to the Convention, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.

8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following associated bodies:—

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Berlin, Wellesley, Montreal, Toronto, Parkdale, and Hamilton.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Chicago, Batavia, Peoria, Canton, Henry, Wilmington, Jefferson, Wis., La Porte, Ind., St. Louis, Mo., Hutton, and Olney.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Portland, Bath, Gardiner, and Fryeburgh.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Wilmington, Del., Baltimore First German, Washington, D. C., Easton and Preston, Md., and individual members.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Pawtucket, R. I., Mansfield, Fall River, Springfield, Brookline, Salem, Providence, R. I., Newtonville, Waltham, Boston Highlands, Lancaster, Manchester, N. H., Dorchester, and Lynn.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Detroit, Almont, Ypsilanti, Springdale, Grand Rapids, and Leland.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Minneapolis and St. Paul.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

This Association embraces Societies and receivers in the States of New York, New Jersey, and part of Connecticut. *Societies.* — New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Paterson, Riverhead, Orange, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., Newark (German), New York (German), Mystic, Conn., Brooklyn (German), and Hempstead, L. I.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Cincinnati, Urbana, East Rockport, Glendale Parish, Pomeroy and Middleport, Newark, Cleveland Parish, O., Richmond and Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe County, Toledo, and Napoleon, Ohio.

THE PACIFIC-COAST ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—First N.-J. Society of San Francisco, San Francisco Society of N. J., San Diego, Riverside, Oakland First, Oakland New-Church Association, Alameda, Ontario, Los Angeles, San José, Cal., Ballston and Portland, Ore., and individual members.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—First Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, Frankford, Vineland, N. J., Allentown, and Allegheny.

SOCIETIES.

Milwaukee, Wis.	admitted	1867
Denver, Col.	"	1879
Savannah, Ga.	"	1881
Connecticut Association	"	1884
Topeka, Kans.	"	1885
General Society of the New Church in Texas	"	1890
General Society of the New Church in Iowa	"	1890
Jacksonville, Fla.	"	1891

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D. D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D. D., care Drexel, Harjes, & Co., Paris, France, ordained June 9, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained May, 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, P. O. Box 444, Berlin, Ontario, Can., ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

John Goddard, Station I, Cincinnati, O., ordained Feb. 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1833.

Jabez Fox, 1815 Avenue F, Galveston, Texas, ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass., ordained April 5, 1860; invested with the office May 24, 1891.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

Nathan Clark Burnham, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	Ordained May 29, 1840
William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me.	" June 13, 1851
Samuel H. Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass.	" Aug. 28, 1851
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	" May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.	" April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1911 No. Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo.	" Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 12 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass.	" April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, LL.D., Elmwood, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
George Nelson Smith, Northport, Mich.	" June 24, 1860
James E. Mills, 2106 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Cal.	" Aug. 19, 1860
Adolph J. Bartels, 410 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	" Oct. 7, 1860
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	" Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louis Carrière, 2128 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	" May 4, 1862
Edw. Craig Mitchell, 534 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	" Nov. 27, 1862
Edwin Gould, 6 Boyle Ave., Montreal, Can.	" Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, 1618 Riggs Place, Washington, D. C.	" Aug. 23, 1863
Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass.	" June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.	" Oct. 29, 1865
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.	" Oct. 9, 1867
John W. Hunt, 630 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md.	" Oct. 27, 1867
Joseph Worcester, 1030 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Cal.	" Nov. 3, 1867
John Doughty, 1508 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Cal.	" April 12, 1868

William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	Ordained April 8, 1869
Theodore F. Wright, 38 Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass.	" April 8, 1869
Gustave Reiche, 606 Harrison St., Topeka, Kans.	" May 16, 1869
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Oct. 3, 1869
Samuel S. Seward, 185 Lexington Ave., New York	" Oct. 15, 1869
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal.	" May 1, 1870
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga.	" Sept. 10, 1871
Stephen Jepson, Springfield, Mass.	" Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, 17 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	" Sept. 29, 1872
E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J.	" Dec. 10, 1872
John Jacob Lehnen, Norway, Iowa	" May 11, 1873
John E. Bowers, 99 Howard St., Toronto, Can.	" May 11, 1873
Albinus F. Frost, 417 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Mich.	" Oct. 16, 1873
Warren Goddard, Jr., Brockton, Mass.	" April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Abington, Mass.	" Oct. 15, 1874
Solomon H. Spencer, Germantown, Pa.	" Oct. 18, 1874
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.	" Oct. 24, 1874
Oliver Dyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	" May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, cor. of Aisquith and Fayette Sts., Baltimore, Md.	" June 11, 1876
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	" Sept. 24, 1876
Richard De Charms, 543 South 14th St., Denver, Col.	" Jan. 21, 1877
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	" April 13, 1877
Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa	" Oct. 23, 1877
James Power Smith, Ridgedale, Chattanooga, Tenn.	" March 6, 1878
James B. Parmelee, 4165 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.	" June 2, 1878
Julian K. Smyth, 26 Montrose St., Roxbury, Mass.	" Jan. 5, 1879
Fedor Goerwitz, Zum Frieden, Oberstrass, Zurich, Switz- erland	" June 1, 1879
William A. L. Campbell, 158 Ave. I, West Galveston, Texas	" June 22, 1879
Orson L. Barler, Beatrice, Neb.	" Nov. 1, 1879
D. Vincent Bowen, National City, Cal.	" April 8, 1880
Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.	" April 25, 1880
Howard C. Dunham, 2622 Gilpin St., Denver, Col.	" Aug. 29, 1880
G. Lawrence Allbutt, 216 Robert St., Toronto, Can.	" Oct. 20, 1880
Thomas A. King, 1825 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md.	" Mch. 27, 1881
Jacob E. Werren, Abington, Mass.	" Mch. 26, 1882
Joseph S. David, 3126 Fourth Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.	" April 6, 1882
Benjamin D. Palmer, Paterson, N. J.	" April 11, 1882
Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa	" June 5, 1882
B. N. Stone, Fryeburgh, Me.	" Aug. 27, 1882
Eugene D. Daniels, 25 Gregg St., Indianapolis, Ind.	" June 3, 1883
William H. Schliffer, 81 South Second St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. (Jan. 9, 1887)	" June 10, 1883
Philip B. Cabell, 900 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	" Sept. 16, 1883
Samuel C. Eby, 1115 Glendale Ave., Peoria, Ill.	" June 1, 1884

John T. V. Croy, Perris, San Diego County, Cal. . . .	Ordained Feb.	15, 1885
John W. McSarrow, Batesville, Ark.	" May	31, 1885
Henry Clinton Hay, 9 Linden St., Providence, R. I. . .	" Oct.	1, 1885
William L. Worcester, 3502 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Pa.	" Dec.	13, 1885
William Diehl, 36 McKibben St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	" Dec.	20, 1885
Gardiner I. Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	" Feb.	8, 1886
William H. Alden, 2129 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	" May	30, 1886
Henry H. Grant, Glendale, O.	" May	30, 1886
Frank L. Higgins, Cameron, Cameron Parish, La. . . .	" May	30, 1886
John Edward Smith, Easton, Md.	" May	30, 1886
Thomas Franklin Houts, La Porte, Ind.	" June	10, 1886
Wellington Hardy Butterfield, Minneapolis, Minn. . .	" Oct.	20, 1886
George Mason Davidson, Hoopeston, Ill.	" Feb.	6, 1887
Michael John Callan, 11 Perkins St., Lynn, Mass. . . .	" May	20, 1888
George Stevens Wheeler, Bridgewater, Mass.	" May	20, 1888
Fred E. Waelchli, Berlin, Ont., Can.	" June	10, 1888
Edward S. Hyatt, 47 Elm Grove, Parkdale, Ont. (June 30, 1889)	" June	10, 1888
William M. McIntosh, Easton, Md.	" Feb.	22, 1889
George Henry Dole, Grand Rapids, Mich.	" Oct.	6, 1889
Louis G. Landenberger, Joliet, Ill.	" Jan.	10, 1890
Albert John Cleare, 5 Orne St., Salem, Mass.	" Mar.	29, 1890
John A. Hayes, 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass. . . .	" June	14, 1890
Junius B. Spiers, Savannah, Ga.	" June	14, 1890
Percy Billings, 8 Paris St., Portland, Me.	" June	14, 1890
Albert Bjorck, Stockholm, Sweden	" Aug.	17, 1890
David A. Dryden, Gilroy, Cal.	" Aug.	17, 1890
Louis Rich, Northville, Tenn.	" Dec.	14, 1890
John W. MacPherson, 1708 Unity St., Frankford, Pa. .	" May	24, 1891

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Abraham L. Kip, 9 University Place, New York . . .	" Jan.	12, 1887
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Francis T. Alba, Bradley Beach, N. J.	" Feb.	22, 1889
William H. Atkins, Ferguson, Iowa	" Oct.	1, 1890
Addison F. Lyman, Cambridge, Mass.	" Oct.	1, 1890
G. W. Wiley, Pine Bluff, Ark.	" Oct.	6, 1890
Andrew E. Pope, Warren, Tyler Co., Texas	" Feb.	9, 1891
James W. Moore, Clarksville, Red River Co., Texas .	" Feb.	9, 1891
Gilbert R. Wilson, Columbus, Colorado Co., Texas .	" Feb.	9, 1891
T. Mower Martin, Toronto, Can.	" June	1, 1891
Clarence Lathbury, 23 Winter St., Fall River, Mass. .	" June	1, 1891
John W. Schafer, Springfield, Mass.	" June	1, 1891
Frederic M. Billings, Cambridge, Mass.	" June	1, 1891
Lewis F. Hite, Cambridge, Mass.	" June	1, 1891
Christian H. Flemming, Cambridge, Mass.	" June	1, 1891

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D. L. Webster, of Mass.
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Mordaunt Bodine, of New York.
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Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Pa.
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TERM EXPIRES 1893.

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Appointed by the Testator. (See Journal of 1864, page 51; to be used for the benefit of the General Convention, but not under its control. See Journal of 1866, pages 49 and 110.)

Committee on Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

(See Minute 95.)

Rev. John Worcester.
Rev. S. H. Worcester.Rev. S. M. Warren.
Rev. J. C. Ager.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

To Collect Subscriptions for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg.

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Rev. W. B. Hayden.

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Robert Carswell.

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Rev. John Doughty.

Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

To Raise Funds in Aid of Rev. J. F. Potts.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

David L. Webster.

James R. Carter.

Committee to Take Charge of the Building of a House of Worship in Washington, D. C.

(Journal 1889, Minute 48.)

Francis A. Dewson.

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Jos. Sears.

Committee on Transportation.

(Journal 1891, Minute 94.)

J. F. Goddard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

E. Sugden, New-York City.

Committee on New Hymnal.

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Rev. J. K. Smyth.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. John Worcester.

Rev. John Goddard.

Committee on the Application of the General Church of Canada.

Rev. Chauncey Giles.

Rev. John Worcester.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

Committee on the Bonney Resolutions.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. L. P. Mercer.

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Matters Referred to Officers and Committees.

To the Council of Ministers.

1. Translation of the Word. (Journal 1877, Minutes 47-49.)
2. Mr. Cabell's proposed amendment to Section 5, Article V., of the Constitution. (Journal 1889, Minutes 111, 114.)
3. Mr. Hinkley's proposed amendment to the same. (Journal 1889, Minutes 112, 114.)
4. Mr. Whitehead's proposed substitute for the same. (Journal 1889, Minutes 113, 114.)

To the Board of Publication.

1. Publication of Sunday-School Manuals. (Journal 1889, Minute 65.)
2. Publication of new Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84.)

To the Trustees of the Building Fund.

1. Report of the Illinois Association and its Resolutions as to the formation of Building Associations. (Journal 1891, Minute 27, also page 72.)

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

1. Increase of the Endowment Fund. (Journal 1890, Minute 72.)
2. Plan for a Board of Trustees. (Journal 1891, Minute 39.)
3. Appeal from the New-Church Society in Budapest, Hungary. (Journal 1891, Minute 76.)

To the President and Secretaries.

1. Time of holding next meeting. (Journal 1891, Minute 98.)

To the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1. Distribution of the Writings in Latin. (Journal 1886, Minute 78, also Journal 1890, Minute 59.)
2. Photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39; Journal 1888, Minute 93; Journal 1891, Minute 88.)

To Special Committees.

1. To raise funds for photo-lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39 and 61; Journal 1888, Minute 94; Journal 1891, Minute 88.)
2. To raise funds in aid of the Rev. J. F. Potts. (Journal 1887, Minutes 95 and 97, also Journal 1890, Minutes 96 and 97, and Journal 1891, Minute 91.)

3. The Bonney Resolutions. (Journal 1891, Minute 82.)
4. The Application for Membership of the General Church of Canada. (Journal 1891, Minutes 66, 97.)

To National Committee for Building a House of Worship in Washington, D. C.

1. Mr. Sewall's services. (Journal 1890, Minute 50.)

To Committee on New Hymnal.

1. The new Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84; Journal 1891, Minute 92.)

To Committee on Transportation.

1. Arrangements for Reduced Fares to Convention. (Journal 1889, Minute 126; Journal 1890, Minute 33; Journal 1891, Minute 94.)

Directory

OF PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES, WITH THEIR MINISTERS OR LEADERS.

(Corrections and additions to this list are desired and may be sent to the Secretaries. *See* By-Laws, Section 16.)

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San Francisco, Rev. Jos. Worcester.

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Denver, Rev. H. C. Dunham.

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Lost Nation, Clinton Co., Rev. Stephen Wood.

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Manchester (German), Carl Roth.

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 Orange, Rev. Charles H. Mann.
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 Brooklyn (German), John Czerny.
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Jefferson, George Copeland.

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SATURDAY, May 14, 1892.

1. THE Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 2 o'clock P. M. in the House of Worship of the Cincinnati Society of the New Church.
2. The meeting was opened with religious services, conducted by the Vice-President, Rev. John Worcester.
3. The Vice-President called the Convention to order for the transaction of business.
4. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.
5. The Rev. A. F. Frost, of Michigan, and Mr. M. G. Browne, of Ohio, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.
6. The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials read a list of the bodies composing the Convention from whom credentials were expected.

7. The Address of the President being called for, it was *voted*, That the hour of eight o'clock this evening be assigned for the hearing of the Address.

8. The report of the Secretaries was read.

9. The report of the Treasurer was presented in print.

10. The report of the General Council was read.

11. The report of the New-Church Board of Publication was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

12. The reports of the Corporation of the New-Church Theological School and of its Treasurer were read.

13. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Delegates to the Convention, reported the Roll of the Convention, which as finally corrected and completed is as follows :—

ROLL.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Minister. — Rev. F. W. Tuerk, Berlin.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. L. P. Mercer, Rev. A. J. Bartels, Chicago ; Rev. J. B. Parmelee, St. Louis ; Rev. S. C. Eby, Peoria ; Rev. L. G. Landenberger, Joliet ; Rev. Louis Rich, Englewood ; Rev. Gerhard Busmann, St. Louis, Mo.

Delegates. — A. E. Harrell, Olney ; J. C. Scott, Carbondale ; R. A. Keyes, C. H. Cutler, Chicago ; G. W. Simpkins, Tunis Brewer, St. Louis, Mo.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. Frank Sewall, Washington, D. C. ; Rev. P. B. Cabell, Wilmington, Del. ; Rev. T. A. King, Baltimore ; Rev. J. E. Smith, Easton, Md.

Delegates. — Job Barnard, William C. Hubbell, Ralph Barnard, Washington, D. C. ; C. A. E. Spamer, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. John Worcester, General Pastor, Newtonville; Rev. James Reed, Boston; Rev. Samuel M. Warren, Roxbury; Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Brookline; Rev. William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port; Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Cambridge; Rev. Henry E. Goddard, Brockton; Rev. George S. Wheeler, Bridgewater; Rev. Clarence Lathbury, Fall River, Mass.

Delegates. — David L. Webster, Clarence W. Barron, Boston; Simeon W. Keene, Boston Highlands; Francis A. Dewson, A. E. Hooper, Newtonville; Lewis G. Lowe, Bridgewater; Rufus C. Kimball, Brockton; J. H. Stearns, Lynn, Mass.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Minister. — Rev. Albinus F. Frost, Detroit.

Delegates. — George W. Thayer, Lyman D. Norris, Grand Rapids; Henry Wunsch, Detroit.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Minister. — Rev. J. S. David.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. S. S. Seward, New York; Rev. C. H. Mann, Orange, N. J.; Rev. William Diehl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegates. — J. B. McGeorge, J. Perry Seward, New York; J. F. Goddard, H. C. Ager, Louis C. Ager, Robert A. Shaw, Brooklyn; John E. Hubbell, C. Riborg Mann, Orange, N. J.; Alfred K. Prince, Elizabeth, N. J.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. John Goddard, Rev. E. A. Beaman, Cincinnati; Rev. E. D. Daniels, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. H. H. Grant, Glendale, O.; Rev. G. M. Davidson, Kokomo, Ind.

Delegates. — William N. Hobart, J. T. Helleberg, Fenton Lawson, Marcus A. Hunt, Prof. Thomas French, Jr., Albert

G. Folger, Cincinnati; M. G. Browne, Cleveland; Dr. T. F. Moses, C. B. Chace, Urbana, O.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers. — Rev. Chauncey Giles, Rev. Louis H. Tafel, Rev. William L. Worcester, Philadelphia; Rev. John W. MacPherson, Frankford, Pa.

Delegates. — Richard A. Lewis, Frederic Schoff, Joshua L. Shoemaker, Ezra Hyde Alden, Adolph J. Tafel, Charles J. Shoemaker, Philadelphia.

DENVER, COL., SOCIETY.

Minister. — Rev. H. C. Dunham, Denver.

SAVANNAH, GA., SOCIETY.

Delegate. — Dr. F. W. Rich, Savannah.

TOPEKA, KANS., SOCIETY.

Minister. — Rev. Gustave Reiche, Topeka.

GENERAL SOCIETY IN TEXAS.

Minister. — Rev. Jabez Fox, Galveston.

GENERAL SOCIETY IN IOWA.

Ministers. — Rev. J. J. Lehnén, Norway; Rev. Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa.

Ministers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Delegates	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	86

VISITORS.

Among others were the following visitors:

Colorado. — Mrs. H. C. Dunham, Denver.

District of Columbia. — Mrs. Job Barnard, Washington.

Illinois. — Mrs. L. P. Mercer, Miss Lucy Mercer, Miss Allie Silke, Miss Alice E. Benson, Chicago.

Indiana. — J. R. F. Lathrop, Aurora ; Mrs. Geo. F. Adams, Miss Charlotte Meier, Indianapolis ; Mrs. S. A. Wrigley, Richmond ; Mrs. Chas. H. Burchenal.

Maryland. — Miss Mary K. Hinkley, Miss L. Mae Spamer, Mrs. G. C. Cassard, Miss Cora Cassard, Geo. Carleton Cassard, Baltimore.

Massachusetts. — Mrs. S. W. Keene, Boston Highlands ; Mrs. Asa E. Goddard, Waltham ; George Stevens Wheeler, Bridgewater.

Michigan. — Miss Jessie R. Ellis, Detroit ; Mrs. G. W. Thayer, Grand Rapids ; Mrs. L. B. Lawrence, Miss Jennie Buell, Little Prairie Ronde.

Missouri. — Mrs. Albert Merrill, Mrs. G. W. Simpkins, Mr. D. G. Easton, St. Louis.

New Jersey. — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Prince, Elizabeth.

New York. — Miss Virginia S. Goddard, Brooklyn ; Mrs. J. B. McGeorge, Miss Claire McGeorge, New York City.

Ohio. — Miss Sallie E. Dill, Miss Alice Dill, Bainbridge ; Miss Emma Sproat, Miss Carrie Sproat, Chillicothe ; Colon Schott, Gustav Tafel, Hugo A. Tafel, Olga Tafel, Chas. W. Dodd, Miss Bertha Goddard, Cincinnati ; H. R. Thomas, Logan ; A. W. Gilbert, Ross ; Ella G. Sullivan, Gertrude V. N. James, Miss Charlotte Moses, Mrs. Milo G. Williams, Miss Louise Williams, Miss Amy T. Marston, Urbana.

Pennsylvania. — The Rev. John Whitehead, Emsworth ; Mrs. S. C. Smith, Mrs. J. Shoemaker, Miss Caroline Shoemaker, Mrs. Charles J. Shoemaker, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, Miss Mary A. Kent, Miss Katherine Kimber, C. C. Schultz, Sarah C. Schultz, Mrs. A. J. Tafel, Mrs. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Mrs. William Burnham, Ethel Burnham, Philadelphia.

Tennessee. — Mrs. Mary W. Dodds, Chattanooga.

Texas. — Mrs. Jabez Fox, Galveston.

Total number registered, 65.

14. The report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School, including that of the President, was read.

15. It was *voted*, That the nominations by the Board of Managers of the Theological School, of Rev. John C. Ager, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. James Reed, and Dr. Edward A.

Whiston, members of the Board for the term expiring in 1895, be *confirmed*.

16. The report of the Trustees of the Rotch legacy was read.

17. The report of the Council of Ministers was read.

18. The following resolution recommended by the Council of Ministers was *adopted*:

Resolved, That the Convention approves of the purpose of the Council of Ministers to move forward in the careful translation of the Word, and appropriates the sum of \$250 to cover expenses that may be incurred by the Committee of the Council during the ensuing year.

19. The following resolutions, recommended by the Council of Ministers, were *adopted*:

Resolved, That in place of the present Section 5, Article V., of the Constitution, the following be inserted from By-Law No. 24:

A minister ordained by authority of the Convention, or one reporting to and acting under the rules of the Convention, shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by authority of the Convention.

Resolved, That the following words be stricken out of By-Law 24, "When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention"; and that the words, "acting under the rules of" be substituted in the place of "reporting to" in the sixth and seventh lines of the By-Law.

20. The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions was presented in print, and portions thereof read.

21. The following resolution, recommended by the Board, was *adopted*:

Resolved, That the Convention requests the New-Church Board of Publication to publish, in every issue of the *New-Church Messenger*, the following forms:

FORM OF A LEGACY FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE
GENERAL CONVENTION.

I give to "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of

dollars for the maintenance of the Missionary Work of the Convention, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions."

FORM OF A DEVISE OF LAND.

I give and devise to [here insert names of Trustees and description of property], in trust for the maintenance of the missionary work of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions." And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the said property at any time, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention.

22. The following resolution, recommended by the Board, was *adopted*:

Resolved, That the New-Church Board of Publication be requested to furnish the missionaries assisted by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Convention in foreign countries, with the weekly issues of the *New-Church Messenger* without charge to said missionaries for the same.

23. The application of "The Swiss Union of the New Church," presented by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, for the bestowal upon their pastor, Rev. Fedor Görwitz, of the rights of an ordaining minister, or General Pastor, in conformity with the Constitution of the General Convention, was referred to the Council of Ministers, to report thereon at the present session of the Convention.

24. It was *voted*, That the hour of two o'clock P. M., on Monday, be set apart for the further reading and considera-

tion of the report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

25. The reports of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts, and of the Committee to collect Subscriptions for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg, were read.

26. By general consent the Rev. T. F. Wright offered the following resolution which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That so much of the report of the President and Board of Managers of the Theological School as relates to the time of the meeting of the Convention be *referred* to the General Council.

27. The report of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association was read.

28. The following preamble and resolution, recommended by the General Council, having been called for and read:—

Whereas, In the case contesting the will of Mrs. Mary Allen, of Glendale, the jury have returned a verdict setting aside the will, and a motion has been made for a new trial, and

Whereas, The General Convention is the final legatee in the will aforesaid; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of three members of the Ohio Association, to consist of the Rev. John Goddard and Messrs. W. N. Hobart and J. B. C. Moores be and is hereby appointed by the Convention to take charge of the further management of the case with full powers,—

The following preamble and resolution was on motion of Mr. W. N. Hobart *adopted*:—

Whereas, It has been stated to this Convention that an attempt has recently been made to set aside the will of the late Mary Allen, resting the case entirely upon the charge of her mental incapacity to make the disposition of her property as defined in her will, and which was entirely in accordance with the long lifetime wishes of both herself and her husband; and

Whereas, It has been stated that the counsel for the parties endeavoring to set aside the will, not only used unwarrantable

liberties in the abuse of witnesses (especially of a minister of the New Church) and in perversion of their testimony, but in order to unduly influence the jury and appeal to their prejudices, endeavored to ridicule the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and also by positive statements made to the jury, undoubtedly led them to believe that his insanity was an undoubted fact,

Resolved, That the recommendation of the General Council in regard to further measures to be taken in defence of the case and the appointment of a committee is hereby *adopted*.

29. The reports of the Canada, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pacific Coast, and Pennsylvania Associations were read.

30. The request of the Pacific-Coast New-Church Association to have the name of the Rev. George W. Savory placed upon the list of ministers of the Convention was *referred* to the Council of Ministers.

31. It was *voted*, That a collection be taken up during the services on Sunday morning to be appropriated to the general uses of the Convention ; and that a collection be taken up during the services on Sunday evening for the general uses of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

32. It was *voted*, That the hour of half-past ten on Tuesday morning be assigned for the election of officers, and that a committee of five be appointed by the President to nominate the elective members of the General Council.

33. The Vice-President appointed the following named gentlemen a committee to nominate the elective members of the General Council, viz. :

Rev. P. B. Cabell, of the Maryland Association ; Mr. Richard A. Lewis, of Pennsylvania ; Rev. Samuel M. Warren, of Massachusetts ; Prof. Thomas French, Jr., of Ohio ; and Mr. John B. McGeorge, of New York.

34. The application of the General Society of the New Church in Iowa for the investiture of the Rev. Stephen Wood with the office of General Pastor was read, and *referred* to the Council of Ministers.

35. The Convention adjourned to meet at ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

36. The Convention was called to order by the President, who conducted the religious services.

37. The minutes of Saturday's session were read and *approved*.

38. The reports of the Milwaukee, Denver, and Savannah Societies, of the Connecticut Association, the General Society of the New Church in Texas, the Topeka Society, and of the General Society of the New Church in Iowa, were read.

39. The reports of the Rev. John Worcester, Rev. John Goddard, General Pastors, and of the Rev. S. S. Seward, Ordaining Minister, and of the Rev. Messrs. S. H. Spencer, F. L. Higgins, Gerhard Busmann, and J. T. V. Croy, were read.

40. The Secretary announced that he had received communications from Rev. F. E. Waelchli, Rev. J. E. Bowers, Rev. Richard De Charms, and Rev. E. S. Hyatt, withdrawing from the Convention, and asking that their names be stricken from the list of ministers; and it was *voted*, That the communications be *referred* to the Council of Ministers.

41. The Secretary announced that he had received a list of the names of about seventy-two persons belonging to the Canada Association, withdrawing from the Convention, and it was *voted*, That the reading of the names and the printing of the communication in the JOURNAL are considered unnecessary.

42. A communication from the Rev. C. J. N. Manby, of Gottenburg, Sweden, was read.

43. The report of the Committee on the Concordance Fund was read.

44. The report of the National Committee on the House of Worship in Washington, D. C., was read.

45. By general consent, Mr. Job Barnard offered the following resolution, which, after remarks by the Rev. Frank Sewall, Mr. F. A. Dewson, Rev. S. M. Warren, and Rev. James Reed, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the plan of erecting a chapel for present

use, suggested in the report of the National Committee on House of Worship in Washington City be *approved*; and the committee is hereby *instructed* to commence the building as soon as it may be practicable to do so.

46. The Convention took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

47. The Committee was called to order by the Vice-President.

48. The Roll of the Convention was called.

49. The report of the Committee on Transportation was read, and it was *voted*, That the payment by the Treasurer of the expenses of the special agent representing the railroad companies at this Convention is hereby *approved*; and that the Committee on Transportation be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such expenses in future.

50. The report of the Committee on the New Hymnal was read.

51. The report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, being the order of the day, was taken up.

52. The Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary of the Board, opened the subject, briefly reviewing the condition of the mission work in the several fields in which the Board has been engaged during the past year, and it was *voted*, That the Rev. A. F. Frost and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer be a committee to receive contributions and subscriptions for the support of the mission work.

53. The Convention was then addressed by the Rev. John E. Smith on the work in Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida; by the Rev. Jabez Fox on the work and prospects in Texas; by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, who made an appeal on behalf of the Board; by the Rev. Frank Sewall, describing the beginnings of a mission among the colored people in Washington; by the Rev. J. B. Parmelee, who spoke for St. Louis and vicinity; by the Rev. T. A. King, who referred to the work in Baltimore; by the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, speaking for Canada; and by the Rev. S. C. Eby, who mentioned the work going on in Southern Illinois. The subject was con-

cluded by the Rev. T. F. Wright, who reported the work of the Board in Sweden, Denmark, and Italy, and the Rev. James Reed, who referred to the statement of Signor Scocia that he had not for one moment lost his faith in the final triumph of the missionary work of the New Church in Italy.

54. The Committee appointed to receive contributions and subscriptions for the support of the work of the Board of Missions, reported cash and subscriptions amounting to the sum of \$1,572.

55. The following resolution, offered by the Rev. T. F. Wright, was *adopted*: —

Resolved, That the General Council be instructed to consider what changes, if any, are advisable to be made in By-Law No. 21, as to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, with a view to the more permanent constitution of that body, to report to the next session of Convention.

56. The Convention adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

57. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and the Rev. T. F. Wright conducted the religious services.

58. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and *approved*.

59. The report of the Maine Association was read.

60. The hour assigned for the election of officers having arrived, Mr. Job Barnard and the Rev. E. D. Daniels were appointed tellers to distribute, receive, and count the votes for President.

61. The Rev. Chauncey Giles was nominated for President.

62. A communication was read from the New-Church Society in Kansas City, and it was *voted*, That the communication be *referred* to the Board of Missions, and that the interests of the Society be commended to the earnest consideration of the Board.

63. The report of the Rev. Chauncey Giles, General Pastor, was read.

64. Reports were read from the Rev. Messrs. J. I. Herrick and W. A. L. Campbell.

65. Mr. M. G. Browne and Rev. L. G. Landenberger were appointed tellers to distribute, receive, and count the votes for Vice-President.

66. The Rev. John Worcester was nominated for Vice-President.

67. Reports from the Rev. Messrs. J. A. Lamb, C. Louis Carriere, O. L. Barler, and George W. Chase were read.

68. The report of the Trustees of the Iungerich Fund was read.

69. The tellers to receive and count the votes for President reported that the Rev. Chauncey Giles had received the majority of votes cast, and Mr. Giles was declared *elected*.

70. Mr. Job Barnard and Rev. E. D. Daniels were appointed tellers to distribute, receive, and count the votes for two secretaries.

71. The Rev. S. S. Seward and Mr. C. A. E. Spamer were nominated for secretaries.

72. The Rev. S. S. Seward respectfully declined a re-nomination as Secretary of the Convention.

73. The Rev. L. P. Mercer spoke of the fidelity with which Mr. Seward had fulfilled the duties of his office, and the Vice-President of the indebtedness of the Convention to Mr. Seward for the intelligence and faithfulness with which he had conducted the business of the Convention during the years he had acted as Secretary.

74. The Rev. A. F. Frost was nominated for Secretary.

75. The report of the German Missionary Union of the New Church in America, was read.

76. The tellers for the election of the Vice-President reported that the Rev. John Worcester had received the majority of votes for that office, and Mr. Worcester was declared *elected*.

77. Mr. M. G. Browne and Rev. L. G. Landenberger were appointed tellers to distribute, receive, and count the votes for Treasurer.

78. Mr. F. A. Dewson was nominated for Treasurer.

79. The report of the Trustees of the Building Fund was read.

80. Messrs. George Ropes and William N. Hobart were *elected* Trustees of the Building Fund for the term expiring in 1895.

81. It was *voted*, That the entire matter of Building Associations mentioned in the report of the Trustees of the Building Fund, be *referred* to a special committee to consist of Messrs. Job Barnard and William Bower.

82. The tellers for the election of Secretaries reported that Mr. C. A. E. Spamer and Rev. A. F. Frost had received a majority of the votes cast, and these gentlemen were declared *elected*.

83. Mr. Job Barnard and Rev. E. D. Daniels were appointed tellers to receive the ballots for the elective members of the General Council.

84. The Committee appointed to nominate the elective members of the General Council, nominated the following persons, namely:

Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., of Maine; Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Canada; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Mr. Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Mr. Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; Mr. R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., of Pennsylvania; and Mr. George W. Thayer of Michigan.

85. It appearing that the declination of the Rev. S. S. Seward of the nomination for Secretary and his consequent removal from the General Council had not been known to the Committee when its report was made up, on motion of the Rev. C. H. Mann, it was *voted*, that the report of the nominating committee be *referred* back to the Committee to report again in an hour.

86. The tellers for the election of the Treasurer reported that Mr F. A. Dewson had received a majority of the votes, and Mr. Dewson was declared *elected*.

87. A communication from the New-Church Society in Budapest, Hungary, was read, and *referred* to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions for reply.

88. A communication from the Committee on the World's Congress Auxiliary was read, and the Rev. L. P. Mercer addressed the Convention on the subject and offered the following resolutions, which were *adopted* :

Whereas, A communication has been received from the Committee of the World's Congress Auxiliary on the subject of the Parliament of Religions and a New-Church Congress to be held in Chicago in 1893, to which is appended a list of the Advisory Council nominated by the Committee and appointed by the President of the Auxiliary, therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention desires to put on record its approval of and interest in the proposed Congress, and its confidence in the Local Committee and Advisory Council appointed to represent the New Church, and pledges the co-operation of Convention in furthering such plans as may be matured for an International New-Church Congress.

Resolved, That the Convention commends to the generous consideration of New-Churchmen such appeals as the Committee may find it necessary to make for funds to carry out the plans it may deem important to the worthy representation of the New Church in this first World's Congress of Religions.

89. The Committee appointed to nominate the elective members of the General Council submitted an amended report, nominating the following persons, namely: Rev. S. S. Seward, of New York; Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Canada; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Mr. Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Mr. Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; Mr. R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., of Pennsylvania; and Mr. George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

90. The tellers appointed to receive the votes for the elective members of the General Council reported that the above-named gentlemen were *elected*.

91. The following preamble and resolutions, referred to in the report of the Illinois Association, were *adopted*:

Whereas, The Convention is informed through the report of the Illinois Association that there will be an exhibit of the

literature and work of the churches in the Department of Liberal Arts of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1893, and that space can be secured for an exhibit of the literature of the New Church, therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. R. A. Keyes, Mr. C. H. Cutler, Mr. H. W. Guernsey, Rev. T. F. Wright, Rev. J. C. Ager, Rev. L. H. Tafel, Mr. Richard A. Lewis, and Dr. E. A. Whiston, be and are hereby constituted a Committee to act in behalf of the Convention, and in coöperation with other New-Church bodies, to secure space and set up an exhibit of the works of Swedenborg and other New-Church literature at the Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Resolved, That the Committee is authorized to appeal to the generosity of the church for funds to meet the expense of the exhibit, and the Convention recommends the object committed to them to the hearty coöperation of the church.

Resolved, That the messenger of Convention to the English Conference be requested to bring the matter to the consideration of the Conference, and to ask for the appointment of a Committee to coöperate with the Committee of Convention.

92. The report of the American League of New-Church Young-People's Societies was read.

93. Mr. George W. Thayer, referring to the action of the Convention in regard to the Allen will case, stated that the Hon. Lyman D. Norris of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a New-Churchman, and a distinguished member of the legal profession, had volunteered his services, free of charge, in defence of the case for the benefit of the Convention. He proposed that the name of Mr. Norris be added to the Committee in charge of the case, and stated that the Committee desired such addition.

It was *voted*, that the cordial thanks of the Convention be extended to Mr. Norris for his kind offer, and that his name be added to the Committee in charge of the case relating to Mrs. Allen's will.

94. The Convention took a recess until two o'clock, P. M.

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95. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

96. The address of the English Conference, prepared by the Rev. James Robson Rendell, President, was read; and the reply thereto, prepared at the request of the President by the Rev. S. S. Seward, was read; and it was *voted*, that the address prepared by Mr. Seward be *adopted* as the Address of the Convention to the Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and that the Rev. T. F. Wright, Ph.D., who expects to go to England this summer, be appointed the messenger of the Convention to the Conference.

97. The supplemental report of the Council of Ministers was read.

98. The following resolution recommended by the Council was *adopted*:

Resolved, That the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America gives its sanction to the investiture of the Rev. Fedor Görwitz with the office of General Pastor, the time and place of such investiture to be determined by the President of the Convention and Mr. Görwitz.

99. The following resolutions, recommended by the Council, were, after remarks by the Rev. Messrs. John Goddard, S. S. Seward, and A. J. Bartels, *adopted*:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the ordination of the Rev. George W. Savory was not in accordance with the rules of the Convention, his name be not placed upon the list of ministers of the General Convention.

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be requested to correspond with the President of the Pacific-Coast Association with the view of promoting harmonious action between that body and the Convention.

100. On the subject of the application of the General Society of Iowa for the investiture of the Rev. Stephen Wood with the office of General Pastor, the Council of Ministers reported that, without calling in question the fitness of the

candidate, it would be well to delay action upon the application until more definite information with regard to the need should be received. Meanwhile the Council recommended that if occasion for the ordination of ministers in Iowa should arise, the Convention should assume the necessary travelling expenses of the candidate, and the report was *adopted*.

101. The following changes in the list of ministers were recommended by the Council of Ministers, namely :

After list of General Pastors added a new heading, —

Presiding Minister with Ordaining Powers :

Samuel S. Seward, ordained Oct. 15, 1869, empowered by the New-York Association, under sanction of the Convention, to ordain ministers, Feb. 22, 1891.

Added to list of Pastors and Ministers : Clarence Lathbury, April 7, 1892 ; Christian H. Flemming, April 7, 1892.

Added as candidates : Thaddeus W. Harris, W. T. Haley, Andrew W. Duncan.

Omitted at their request : the names of John E. Bowers, Richard De Charms, Frederick E. Waelchli, Edward S. Hyatt.

Omitted by reason of expiration of authorization : Andrew E. Pope, Abraham L. Kip, James W. Moore, Gilbert R. Wilson.

102. Rev. W. H. Mayhew offered the following as an amendment, which, after remarks by the Rev. Messrs. Tafel, Mercer, Warren, Seward, Hinkley, Mayhew, King, Mann, Reed, Rich, and Eby, was *adopted* :

Resolved, That the name of the Rev. S. S. Seward be placed upon the list of General Pastors, the following words to follow his name and address : " Temporarily invested with the powers of the office under Sect. 4, Art. V., of the Constitution."

103. The recommendation of the Council of Ministers, as thus amended, was then *adopted*.

104. It was *voted*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the City of New York on the last Saturday in May, 1893, unless otherwise ordered by the General Council.

105. The Committee to which was referred the application

of the General Church of Canada, reported that the purposes for which the Committee had been appointed had been practically accomplished, and it was expected that the General Church would shortly be re-united with the Canada Association.

106. The report of the Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt was read.

107. It was *voted*, That the Committee on Transportation be made a Standing Committee, to be appointed by the President.

108. The following resolution, offered by the Rev. T. F. Wright, was unanimously *adopted*:

Resolved, That in view of the hospitable reception extended by the Cincinnati Society to the ministers, delegates, and visitors in attendance upon the Convention, of the use of its church by the Convention, and of the many courtesies bestowed by the friends in Cincinnati, and especially by the ladies upon their guests, the hearty thanks of the Convention be and are hereby tendered to the Cincinnati Society.

109. The minutes of today's session were read, amended, and *approved*.

110. It was *voted*, That after singing the 71st Selection and receiving the benediction, the Convention stand adjourned.

CHAUNCEY GILES,
President.

S. S. SEWARD, }
C. A. E. SPAMER, } *Secretaries.*

Memoranda.

The Council of Ministers met on Tuesday afternoon, May 10th, and continued its sessions through the two following days. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. P. B. Cabell on "The Ministry and Preaching."

On Wednesday evening a reception was extended to the Ministers of the Council by the Cincinnati Society.

On Thursday evening there was a meeting of the Alumni Association of the New-Church Theological School.

On Friday morning and afternoon the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association held its meetings, at which the President, Rev. William L. Worcester, delivered an address on the "Study of the Spiritual Sense of the Word in the Sunday-School," and Rev. T. F. Wright read a paper on "The Problem of the Four Gospels."

In the evening the Association held an anniversary meeting, at which the following subjects were discussed :

"Adventitious Aids in Sunday-School Work," opened by Prof. Thomas French, Jr., and "Mission Schools," by Rev. S. S. Seward, who gave an account of the work at the Chapel of the Divine Providence, in New York City.

On Saturday morning, the American League of New-Church Young-People's Societies held its fifth annual conference. The Rev. George S. Wheeler delivered the annual address on "The Possible Strength and Use of our Young People's Societies." In the afternoon the Cincinnati League gave the delegates and visitors of the American League a ride through the suburbs.

The General Council met at 10 o'clock, A. M., and the Convention was opened at 2 o'clock P. M. on that day.

On Saturday evening the President delivered the annual address before the Convention.

On Sunday morning public worship was conducted by the Rev. John Worcester, who preached on "The Broken and the Contrite Heart."

At the close of the morning service the Most Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. C. H. Mann, T. F. Wright, A. F. Frost, and William L. Worcester, to two hundred and forty-five communicants.

The offerings for the general uses of the Convention amounted to \$161.59.

In the afternoon the Rev. A. J. Bartels delivered a discourse in German on "The Reality and Nearness of the Spiritual World."

In the evening, the Rev. Thomas A. King preached on "The Tree of Life in the Midst of the Street and on Both Sides of the Heavenly River."

The offerings in the evening for the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association amounted to \$79.42.

Monday afternoon was devoted to a consideration of the Mission Work of the Convention, and subscriptions were received amounting to \$1,572.

On Monday evening a social reception was given to the members and friends of the convention in the parlors of the Grand Hotel, which was attended by over three hundred persons.

On Tuesday, May 17, Mr. H. R. Thomas, of Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, was baptized by the Rev. J. B. Parmelee, in the presence of the Convention.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

NO. I. — REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES.

THE Secretaries report that one thousand copies of the JOURNAL for 1891 were printed and distributed as follows :

To Associations and Societies	309
To Ministers, Delegates, and Committees	200
To the English Conference	100
To other Foreign Bodies	66
Cut Copies for next Convention	100
Reserved	225
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One hundred copies of the Minutes of the English Conference were received by the Secretaries, last year, and sent to the ministers, officers, and members of committees belonging to the Convention, as far as they would go.

The assessment of five cents *per capita* for the general uses of the Convention was made in September last.

The date of the meeting of the General Convention this year was determined by the President and Secretaries of the Convention, in consultation with the Cincinnati Society by letter, in accordance with Minute 98, JOURNAL of 1891.

S. S. SEWARD, } Secretaries.
C. A. E. SPAMER, }

No. 2. — REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE GENERAL CONVENTION
OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

General Fund.

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1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand as per last account . . .	\$339.80	
June 4.	Collections at Convention Meeting	288.37	
1892.			
Apr. 30.	Assessment of 1892, Canada Association . .	9.70	
	" " Illinois " . .	32.55	
	" " Maryland " . .	15.40	
	" " Massachusetts " . .	90.55	
	" " Michigan " . .	16.10	
	" " Minnesota " . .	4.45	
	" " New York " . .	33.75	
	" " Ohio " . .	29.80	
	" " Pacific Coast " . .	19.50	
	" " Pennsylvania " . .	30.55	
	" " Milwaukee Society . .	1.00	
	" " Denver, Col., Society .	1.75	
	" " Savannah, Ga., " .	2.94	
	" " Gen. Society of Texas .	5.90	
	" " " " " Iowa .	5.40	
	" 1891, San Francisco 2d. Society	2.80	
	" " Savannah " . .	2.10	
	By Expenses of W. H. Hinkley, Secretary . .		\$20.00
	" " S. S. Seward, " . .		20.50
	" " C. A. E. Spamer, " . .		16.71
	" " F. A. Dewson, Treasurer . . .		15.40
	" " Committee on Canada Assoc'n .		30.19
	" " Printing and Mailing Journal .		410.04
	" " " Minutes of Ministers' Conference		11.00
	Balance		408.57
		<u>\$932.41</u>	<u>\$932.41</u>

Income of Bissell Fund.

1891.			
May 1.	By Balance overdrawn last account	\$89.75	
	Hamline, Scott, & Lord, Legal Expenses . .	1,400.50	
	Interest on advances	76.00	
	Balance	\$1,566.25	
		<u>\$1,566.25</u>	<u>\$1,566.25</u>

Swedenborg Memorial Fund.

1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand	\$2,735.67	
1892.			
	Contribution . . . . .	.18	
Apr. 30.	Interest to date	138.12	
	By Balance on hand		2,873.97
		<u>\$2,873.97</u>	<u>\$2,873.97</u>

Washington Church Fund.

1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand	\$336.56	
	Amount of Contributions as credited in the N.-C. Messenger .	\$28,146.40	
	Less Amount accounted for in last account	25,233.90	
	Received during the current year	\$2,912.50	
Jan. 4.	By Payment of Taxes on land		\$93.47
Dec. 16.	" " " "		93.48
Sept. 12.	" " Interest on Loan		150.00
Oct. 5.	" " " "		3.88
	" " " "		19.40
Dec. 16.	" " " "		3.50
1892.			
Mar. 8.	" " " "		169.40
16.	" " " "		2.33
1891.			
Jan. 6.	" " Loans		1,000.00
8.	" " "		750.00
Oct. 5.	" " "		25.00
Dec. 16.	" " "		75.00
1892.			
Mar. 16.	" " "		150.00
	Balance on hand		713.60
		<u>\$3,249.06</u>	<u>\$3,249.06</u>

Fund for Photo-Lithographing Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand	\$1,510.73	
	Contribution from T. F. Wright	25.00	
	" " F. E. Boericke	180.00	
	" " Geo. Phinney	1.00	
	" " F. W. Tuerk	33.00	
	" " F. W. Very	10.00	
1892.			
Apr. 30.	Interest	76.20	
	Balance on hand	<u>\$1,835.93</u>	

Income of White Fund.

1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand	\$77.76	
1892.			
Apr. 30.	Interest	227.10	
	By Amount paid Board of Publication for Latin Works sent to Public Libraries		\$32.00
	Balance on hand		<u>272.86</u>
		<u>\$304.86</u>	<u>\$304.86</u>

Concordance Fund.

1891.			
May 1.	To Balance on hand	\$45.00	
	Contributed by S. M. Warren	25.00	
	" " W. J. Cutler	25.00	
	" " Adolph Tafel	25.00	
	" " D. L. Webster	50.00	
	" " E. B. Warren	25.00	
	" " Geo. Burnham	25.00	
	" " C. W. Barron	25.00	
	" " L. G. Lowe	25.00	
	" " J. B. Dearborn, Treasurer	10.00	
	" " Collected by S. S. Seward	60.00	
	" " Rice Fund	250.00	
1892.			
Apr. 30.	By Amount paid Rev. A. Faraday		30.00
	" " Rev. J. F. Potts		500.00
	Balance on hand		<u>60.00</u>
		<u>\$590.00</u>	<u>\$590.00</u>

Income of Sundry Funds.

1892.

Apr. 30.	To Interest on \$20,000 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. Bonds, 7 per cent., Simpkins Fund	\$1,400.00
	Interest on \$1,000 United States Bonds, Richards Fund	40.00
	Interest on \$5,000, C. E. Chester, Mortgage, 5 per cent.	250.00
	Interest on \$2,200, C. H. Pitman, Mortgage, 5 per cent.	110.00
	Interest on \$3,000 R. H. Andrews, Mortgage, 6 per cent.	180.00
	Interest on \$6,000, G. B. Lapham, Mortgage, 5 per cent.	300.00
	Interest on \$4,000, Lewis Wharf Co. Note	23.89
	Interest on \$1,500, B. A. Wheeler, Mortgage, 6 per cent.	45.00
	Interest on \$1,490.25 advanced Bissell Fund	76.00
	By Income of Simpkins Fund	\$1,400.00
	" " Wales Fund	252.34
	" " Wilkins Fund	190.20
	" " Jenkins Fund	100.93
	Paid to New-Church Theological School	\$1,943.47
	Income Richards Fund to Board of Publication	40.00
	Income credited White Fund	227.10
	" " Swedenborg Memorial Fund	138.12
	" " Photo-Lithograph Fund	76.20
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		\$2,424.89 \$2,424.89

Statement of Property on Hand.

Cash	\$167.43
\$20,000 Bonds Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, 7 per cent., belonging to Simpkins Fund	\$20,000.00
\$1,000 Bond United States, 4 per cent., belonging to Rich- ards Fund	1,000.00
Mortgage, C. E. Chester, 5 per cent., \$5,000	
" C. H. Pitman, 5 per cent., \$2,200	
" R. H. Andrews, 6 per cent., \$3,000	
" G. B. Lapham, 5 per cent., \$6,000	
" B. A. Wheeler, 6 per cent., \$1,500	17,700.00
Note Lewis Wharf Co., 4 per cent.	2,000.00
Balance due from Bissell Fund	1,566.25

Representing the following Funds:—

General Fund	\$408.57
Simpkins Fund	20,000.00
Wales Fund	5,000.00
Wilkins Fund	3,768.75
Jenkins Fund	2,000.00
Richards Fund	1,000.00
White Fund	4,500.00
Income White Fund	272.86
Photo-Lithographing Fund	1,835.93
Concordance Fund	60.00
Swedenborg Memorial Fund	2,873.97
Washington Church Fund	713.60
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	\$42,433.68 \$42,433.68

BOSTON, May 1, 1892,

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved,

D. L. WEBSTER, *Auditor.*

NO. 3. — REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE Council has held but two meetings since its last report to the Convention.

The first was held in Philadelphia immediately after the adjournment of the Convention on May 26, and no business having been referred to the Council by the Convention, the Council organized by the election of the Rev. Chauncey Giles, Chairman, and the Rev. S. S. Seward, Secretary.

The other meeting was held this morning (June 14) pursuant to the call of the Chair.

The application of Mr. George Meek, of Manchester, England, on behalf of a Committee of the English Conference, for five sets of the JOURNALS of the Convention, to be donated, with other documents, to the British Museum, London; the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh; the Library of Trinity College, Dublin; the Bodleian Library, Oxford; and the University Library, Cambridge, was laid before the Council, and it appearing that two of the JOURNALS and the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee in 1874, when the Convention did not meet, were out of print, it was *Voted*, That the Secretaries and Treasurer be authorized to have the necessary printing done, and the donations made as soon as convenient.

After a full presentation of the subject involved to the Council by the Rev. Frank Sewall and others, the following preamble and resolution was recommended by the Council to the Convention for its adoption: —

Whereas, In the case contesting the will of the late Mrs. Mary Allen, of Glendale, the jury have returned a verdict setting aside the will, and a motion has been made for a new trial; and

Whereas, The General Convention is the final legatee named in the will aforesaid; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the Ohio Association, to consist of the Rev. John Goddard, and Messrs. W. N. Hobart and J. B. C. Moores, be and is hereby appointed by the Convention to take charge of the further management of the case, with full powers.

The sub-committee of the General Council having in charge the matter of the Bissell Estate, consisting of Messrs. F. A. Dewson, R. A. Keyes, and Job Barnard, reported progress, and asked for authority to settle the compensation of the executors, and to provide an expert accountant to make an examination of the entire administration of the estate, which was granted, and the action of the Committee, thus far, approved.

S. S. SEWARD, *Secretary.*

NO. 4. — REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE present organization of the Board of Directors of the New-Church Board of Publication is as follows :—

Term expires 1892.

Rev. JABEZ FOX, of Texas.
E. SUGDEN, of New York.
Rev. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.
Rev. L. P. MERCER, of Illinois.
WILLIAM McGEORGE, JR., of Pa.

Term expires 1893.

R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.
Rev. J. C. AGER, of N. Y.
F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.
Rev. JAMES REED, of Mass.
F. A. DEWSON, of Mass.

Term expires 1894.

Rev. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.
D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.
Rev. FRANK SEWALL, of D. C.
MORDAUNT BODINE, of N. Y.
Dr. LEWIS G. LOWE, of Mass.

Term expires 1895.

Rev. A. F. FROST, of Michigan.
Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.
*H. C. SPENCER, of D. C.
W. N. HOBART, of Ohio.
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS.

President. — RICHARD A. LEWIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary. — FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, of New-York City.

Treasurer. — MORDAUNT BODINE, of New-York City.

Executive Committee. — Messrs. LEWIS, WORCESTER, BODINE, SEWARD, SUGDEN, COLTON, and McGEORGE.

Auditing Committee. — Messrs. WORCESTER, COLTON, and SUGDEN.

The usual Statement of the business and finances of the Board for the past fiscal year is presented below :—

*Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund.**

Amount placed to the credit of this Fund to April 1, 1892 \$43,403.39

General Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance on hand, April 1, 1891	\$436.87	
Interest on Richards Fund	40.00	
Interest on McDonald Fund	494.50	
Interest on <i>Messenger</i> Fund	1,231.50	
Deficiency Fund	2,787.05	
Transferred to Manager . . . . .	.	\$4,807.92
Cash in hands of Treasurer, April 1, 1892		182.00
	<u>\$4,989.92</u>	<u>\$4,989.92</u>

New-Church Messenger Fund.

Total Subscriptions to the Fund	\$21,385.91	
Interest received during the year	1,231.50	
Uncollected Subscriptions		\$2,499.00
Amount Invested, Lombard Mortgages		18,850.00
In agent's hands awaiting investment		36.91
Paid to Treasurer for use of <i>Messenger</i>		1,231.50
	<u>\$22,617.41</u>	<u>\$22,617.41</u>

The subscriptions to this Fund have been invested, under the direction of Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., in Lombard Mortgages, as follows:—

Name of Mortgagor.	Location.	Rate of Interest	When Due.	AMOUNT of Mortgage.	of Security.
J. W. Stephens & Wife	Coffey Co., Kan.	6 per ct.	Dec. 1, '93	\$1,300	\$4,000
S. M. Wells & Wife	Norton Co., Kan.	"	"	1,100	3,100
Edson P. Rich . . .	Lincoln Co., Neb.	"	Sept. 1, '93	2,500	7,500
George Scott & Wife	Dakota Co., Minn.	"	Aug. 1, '94	300	3,655
Neely Withrow . . .	Merrick Co., Neb.	"	Sept. 1, '93	2,000	9,000
S. R. Williams & Wife	Dawson Co., Neb.	"	Mar. 1, '94	1,500	4,750
Frank Steacy & Wife	Eagle Co., Col.	"	Mar. 1, '95	800	4,200
O. E. Kindred & Wife	Wichita, Kan.	"	Sept. 1, '94	1,650	5,500
John W. York . . .	Harper Co., Kan.	"	Sept. 1, '93	2,000	5,400
J. H. Pruett & Wife	Stanton Co., Kan.	"	Apr. 1, '93	500	1,750
Fred. Kaser & Wife	Marion Co., Oregon	"	Apr. 1, '94	1,900	5,650
H. R. Brady & Wife	Pawnee Co., Kan.	"	Apr. 1, '93	2,000	5,100
F. M. Keely & Wife	Gosper Co., Neb.	"	"	800	2,700
In process of Collection				500	
				<u>\$18,850</u>	<u>\$62,305</u>

* It should be understood that the amounts heretofore placed to the credit of the "Fifty-Thousand Dollar Fund" have been all expended.

The Mrs. Lydia Helena Haworth McDonald Fund.

Principal of Fund	\$7,300.00	
Interest received during the year	494.50	
Amounts invested		\$7,300.00
Interest paid in to General Fund		494.50
	<u>\$7,794.50</u>	<u>\$7,794.50</u>

This Fund has been invested, under the direction of Mr. R. McDonald, the donor thereof, in mortgages, as follows : —

Name of Mortgagor.	Location	Rate of Interest.	When Due.	Amount.
Isaac Strait	Missouri Valley, Iowa .	7 per cent.	Feb. 1, '93	800
Simon P. Buxton	Little Sioux, " .	7 " "	" "	800
Silas Logsdon	Newton, " .	7 " "	Sept. 1, '92	800
Absalom F. Linn	Modale, " .	7 " "	Nov. 1, '92	1,200
James Zeiger	Eldora, " .	6½ " "	Sept. 1, '94	500
Andrew W. Baker	Maysville, " .	6½ " "	Mar. 1, '95	400
Daniel N. Blair	Hubbard, " .	6 " "	Sept. 1, '95	1,000
Charles Seaton	Moorhead, " .	6 " "	Jan. 1, '96	1,000
John E. Railsbach	Laurel, " .	6 " "	Sept. 1, '96	800
Total				<u>\$7,300</u>

Messenger Statement.

DR.

To Cost of Paper	\$1,068.79	
Printing and Typesetting	2,878.00	
Other Publication Expenses	2,298.77	
Editorial Expenses	<u>2,515.72</u>	
		<u>\$8,761.28</u>

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By Receipts from Subscriptions	\$6,821.83	
Receipts from Advertisements	90.06	
Balance of Receipts for the Free List	196.85	
Income from <i>New-Church Messenger</i> Fund	\$1,231.50	
Loss	<u>421.04</u>	
	1,652.54	
		<u>\$8,761.28</u>

Subscription List of <i>Messenger</i> , April 1, 1892	2,194
Free List	157
Exchange List	100
Surplus Copies, about	149
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Copies printed weekly	2,600

Merchandise Statement.

DR.

To Merchandise inventoried April 1, 1891	\$4,764.27
" purchased April 1, 1891 to April, 1892	1,106.12
New Publications, same time	309.19
Expenses	1,203.20
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	\$7,382.78

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By Merchandise Sales, April 1, 1891 to April 1, 1892	\$3,153.10
" on hand, as per inventory, April 1, 1892	3,536.23
Loss	693.45
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	\$7,382.78

Assets and Liabilities.

DR.

Cash on hand in charge of Manager	\$2,034.01
Merchandise	3,536.23
Plates, Types, Fixtures, etc.	1,932.78
Accounts Receivable	863.41
Account of Dr. C. E. Prentiss (considered worth-	
less last year and not included in the Assets) \$1,539.50	
Charged Dr. C. E. Prentiss, April 1, 1891 to	
April 1, 1892	51.45
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	\$1,590.95
Less Amount received on his Account	950.00
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	640.95
Cash in charge of Treasurer	182.00
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	\$9,189.38

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Accounts Payable	\$292.20
On Deposit by American Swedenborg Printing and Pub-	
lishing Society	500.00
Net Assets	8,397.18
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	\$9,189.38

Summary of Income and Expenditures.

INCOME.	
Treasurer's Receipts, less income from <i>Messenger</i> Fund	\$3,321.55
EXPENDITURES.	
General Expenses	\$55.42
Loss on <i>Messenger</i>	\$1,652.54
Less Income from <i>New-Church Messenger</i>	
Fund	1,231.50
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	\$421.04
Loss on Merchandise	693.45
" " Accounts not collectable	185.34
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	1,355.25
Net Increase for the year	\$1,966.30
Net Assets, April 1, 1892	\$8,397.18
" " April 1, 1891	\$4,891.38
Account Dr. C. E. Prentiss not taken as an Asset	
last year	1,539.50
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	6,430.88
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	\$1,966.30

A visitor at our rooms now would notice at once, in outward appearance, a great improvement upon the condition of things presented under former managements. On opening the door, he will find, instead of the crowded and confused appearance which formerly characterized the place, a neatly-furnished room, tastefully arranged with comfortable chairs and quiet rugs, and a general air of attractiveness. Should he look further and examine our accounts he will find that the principle has been adopted of paying the debts we owe promptly, and requiring our patrons to meet in the same way their obligations to us. The application of this principle has, perhaps, caused a soreness on the part of some of our patrons who have come to consider their debts to the Board matters of so easy obligation that their payment can be made a matter of convenience to themselves.

In our last report we were compelled to present a lamentable condition of our affairs ; but the kind assistance of our friends has seemed to turn a misfortune into a blessing. The subscription which was started at the time of the last Convention to meet the then existing deficiencies, resulted in the receipt of \$2,787.05. In addition, thereto, the sum of \$950 has been received on account

of the amount due on a mortgage of \$1,500, assigned to make good, *pro tanto*, the defalcation of our late Manager. This payment makes the balance due on the mortgage a much more valuable asset than we feared it would prove. As the late Manager appears to have been placed under guardianship as an insane man, it has not been thought best to institute criminal proceedings against him.

MERCHANDISE DEPARTMENT.

It may appear from the Merchandise Statement that we have been more concerned in setting our own house in order than in extending our business. We have brought out no new publications, which largely accounts for decrease of sales. In accordance, however, with the request of the Convention (June, 1890, Min. 84), the Board has voted to take charge of the publication of the New Hymnal, which is well under way and will probably be published in the Fall, to the relief of any apparent congestion in our bank account. The American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has relieved us of a great mass of tracts which had been carried in our inventory at the sum of about \$650, agreeing to pay the sum of \$250 therefor. We also found that a lot of tracts known as "Popular Series" had been overvalued in previous inventories by about \$115. These two items, with other marking down of prices, about cover the *loss* shown in the Merchandise Statement. It is proper to mention here, however, that one-half of the Board's share of the expenses of the rooms, excepting rent, have been charged this year to the *Messenger* account for the first time in several years. This seems the only just way to do, as fully one-half of the time which the employees at the rooms give to the work of this Board is devoted to the *Messenger*. No part of the rent at 20 Cooper Union has been charged to the *Messenger*. The American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society has, during the past year, as for two or three years previous, paid one-half of the total expenses of the rooms, and is entitled to that proportion of the time of our employees. There is a strong feeling on the part of several connected with that Society that the arrangement is not a fair one, and it may be modified and made less favorable to the Board.

MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

We think the friends of the *Messenger* should be greatly pleased at our statement of its financial condition. Early in the year our Manager set about a weeding-out process in order to find out just what its subscription list amounted to. We were then printing about 3,000 copies weekly, and flattered ourselves that that nearly represented our paying circulation. It was found, however, that the paper was being sent regularly to many who had not paid for it for years—in some cases as long as eleven years—and that it was by no means certain in many cases that the paper reached the people to whom it was addressed. The Executive Committee voted that the Manager be instructed to discontinue the *Messenger* to subscribers who had not paid their subscriptions for two years. Before applying the rule it was deemed best to give ample notice to delinquents. A vast amount of labor was necessary in carrying out this policy, as no name was dropped until at least three notices had been sent. The result has been that \$6,821.83 has been received for *Messenger* subscriptions, instead of \$4,442.78, the amount reported last year, and \$6,023.82 the year before, and it has been found necessary to print about 400 copies less per week. It is believed that no worthy subscribers have been dropped from the list, as ample announcement had been given that the paper would be sent and paid for out of the "Donation Fund" if the subscriber was financially unable to pay for it. An appeal was made by the Manager for subscriptions to this "Donation Fund," and enough was received to enable him to send the paper to all who have expressed a desire to have it. The Board believes that every copy of the paper mailed should be paid for, either by the subscriber or out of some fund provided for the purpose either specially or generally; and that it is neither charity nor good missionary work to send it to people who are willing to run in debt for it. A rule has been adopted requiring ministers to pay for it at half-rates, instead of receiving it free, as heretofore.

We have thought other organizations of the church should manifest enough interest in the *Messenger* to receive such subscriptions as their patrons would find it convenient to pay through them,

without charging a commission of ten per cent., as has heretofore been the custom, and we have offered to reciprocate. Where such organizations have been unwilling to coöperate with us, we have made other arrangements for the convenience of our subscribers in certain localities.

Our Manager has not been satisfied with the weeding-out process alone, but has undertaken in a systematic way to increase the circulation of the paper. To this end and at considerable trouble and labor he obtained lists of names of people in various parts of the country who are more or less interested in the doctrine of the New Church. About 5,000 such names were found of persons who were not subscribers. A carefully prepared circular with the name of the recipient written thereon and signed by the Manager, and a copy of the *Messenger* for March 30, with supplement filled with letters of recommendation written by ministers in all parts of the country, have been mailed to each one of such persons.

The cost of this undertaking was \$263.91, but the result cannot be ascertained in time to incorporate it in this report. The work has been done so systematically and thoroughly that it will not need to be repeated for many years, and, unless we receive substantial additions to our subscription list, we shall believe that it is because there are no more in the country who want the paper than already take it. The *Messenger* account is charged this year with the rent of its accommodations at Orange for two years, as the bill for that rent has for several years been a year behind, and it has been thought more business-like to bring it up to date. This makes the *Messenger's* expense \$250 more for the year than it would otherwise be, to which, if we add \$263.91 (the cost of our extra edition of March 30), we shall more than account for this year's loss on the *Messenger*. New arrangements have been made in the *Messenger* composing rooms, by which it is expected about \$4 per week can be saved; and a new contract for printing the *Messenger* has been made by which a further saving of \$2.50 per week will be realized.

The Board has entered into a new contract with the Rotch Trustees, a copy of which is as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF AN AGREEMENT entered into the first day of January, A. D. 1891, by and between THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION, a corporation incorporated under the General Laws of the State of New York, and FRANCIS A. DEWSON, ALBERT MASON, CHARLES M. REED, and HORACE P. CHANDLER, Trustees under the will of Lydia S. Rotch, late of Boston, Mass. :

The Trustees under said will, having heretofore placed in the hands of the said Board of Publication their Stereotype Plates of the works of Emanuel Swedenborg entitled "The True Christian Religion," "The Divine Providence," "The Four Doctrines," and "The Apocalypse Revealed," and being desirous that all the works of Emanuel Swedenborg now in process of revision by said Trustees shall be published in a uniform style and manner, and in a way to perform the greatest use to the Church,—

IT IS AGREED that these works, together with the work on "Heaven and Hell," the plates for which are now ready for the work of publication, and all the other works of Swedenborg belonging to the Rotch Edition, as soon as the plates may be made ready, shall be placed and kept with those plates already in their hands by the said New-Church Board of Publication, and published on the following terms:—

The said New-Church Board of Publication agrees to manufacture books to be printed from said plates of a quality as respects paper, printing, and binding, at least equal to that of the books of the "Rotch Edition" heretofore manufactured by J. B. Lippincott & Co., under a contract of the Trustees of the Rotch Fund with said Lippincott & Co., placing upon the title page of each of said books the words, "Rotch Edition," to keep the market fully supplied therewith, and to use all reasonable and proper means to promote their sale. And they also agree to manufacture and place upon the market such other cheaper editions of each of said works corresponding in style with "The True Christian Religion," as printed and bound for the use of the Iungerich Trustees, as may be needed to supply the wants of the church or deemed expedient and agreed upon by the said New-Church Board of Publication and the Trustees of the Rotch Fund.

The said Board further agrees to account for and to pay to the said Trustees, as a Royalty for the use of said plates, five per cent. of the retail price of all books printed from said plates and sold by them, with the exception of such books as may be sold or supplied to the Iungerich Trustees or other bodies or persons desiring them for gratuitous distribution, with the written consent of the Trustees of the Rotch Fund, upon which said books no royalty is to be claimed or paid.

Said accounts are to be rendered and payments are to be made semi-annually upon the first days of July and January, commencing 1891.

The Plates held in the custody and care of the New-Church Board of Pub-

lication are to be kept insured at their full value by the Trustees of the Rotch Fund.

This contract may be terminated by either party giving to the other six months' notice in writing, a majority of the said Board of Trustees to have for this purpose the powers of the full Board.

Pursuant to this contract, we have published an edition of 250 copies of "Heaven and Hell."

We have also printed 500 copies of "Book of Worship," New-York edition, and 250 copies "No. 1 Catechism Doctrinal Series."

The accounts herein presented have been examined and approved by an expert accountant.

This report, by order of the Executive Committee, has been prepared by the following :

F. J. WORCESTER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
REV. S. S. SEWARD,	
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON,	
H. W. GUERNSEY, <i>Manager.</i>	

NO. 5. — REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Directors submit their annual report as follows : —

The Treasurer's report presents clearly and concisely the financial condition of the Corporation. The unexpended balance shown in current expense account is smaller than last year, but a large portion of the amount expended for repairs upon the Greenough estate may well be deemed exceptional, though conservative book-keeping requires that it be treated as current expense.

The Endowment Fund remains unchanged, but the Cambridge Real-Estate Fund has increased \$1,094.15. The present resources of the School, including as such all funds held for this purpose by other trustees, are nearly or quite adequate for its present rate of expenditure, but are not sufficient for all that is desirable, even with the School as it now is. We cannot too often nor too emphatically impress upon the church that the needs of the School are but at the beginning.

If young men of the quality and preparation to give promise of usefulness in the ministry look to this high calling in larger numbers, we shall welcome increased demand to afford them distinc-

tive theological training of the best which the church can give, and we earnestly urge upon every well wisher of the church, the importance and urgent need of larger endowment for the Theological School. It will not be amiss to bring to attention as the special and immediate effort in hand, the increase of the Cambridge Real-Estate Fund, until it equal the entire cost of the real estate occupied by the School. Who will help us in this?

ALBERT MASON, *President.*

PENNINGTON HALSTED, *Clerk.*

NO. 6. — REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

EDWARD A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Current Expense Account.

1891.	DR.	
May 1. To Balance as per annual account		\$702.42
Interest on Mortgages:—		
George S. Woodman	\$260.00	
Stephen Jennings	330.00	
Providence Society	225.00	
O. D. Homer	300.00	
Brookline Society	396.74	
H. W. Taylor	100.00	
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		\$1,611.74
American Insurance Company, rebate on		
Insurance Sparks Estate		65.45
Rent of Greenough House, 5 months to		
Aug. 31		416.67
F. A. Dewson, Treasurer General		
Convention:—		
Income of Simpkins Fund . \$1,400.00		
Income of Wales Fund	252.34	
Income of Wilkins Fund	190.20	
Income of Jenkins Fund	100.93	
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		\$1,943.47
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	<i>\$4,037.33</i>	<i>\$702.42</i>

Seventy-second Convention.

[May,

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$4,037.33	\$702.42
Contributions :—		
Rev. E. C. Mitchell	25.00	
Newtonville Society	170.20	
F. C. Robertson	10.00	
	<hr/>	205.20
Bay State Trust Co., Interest on deposit .		36.49
Interest on Atchison Guarantee Notes :		
\$20,000 6 months	\$600.00	
\$5,000 6 months	150.00	
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Commission on \$5,000 Atchison note renewed		50.00
Sales of Correspondence School Notes .		2.00
F. A. Dewson, Trustee, Income of Lydia Worcester Fund		1,600.00
Mass. New-Church Union, Income of Lyman Clark Fund		700.00
F. A. Dewson, Treasurer New-Church Institute of Education :—		
Income of Eliza Jenkins Fund .	100.00	
Income of M. G. Cary Fund .	37.60	
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		7,518.62
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		<u>\$8,221.04</u>

1892.

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May 1. By Paid for Fuel	\$128.00
Aid to Students	1,347.50
Janitor and care of Buildings and Grounds	292.20
Salaries of Instructors	3,300.00
Gas	85.60
Books for Library	25.24
Interest on Mortgage, Sparks Estate . .	900.00
Interest on Note, First National Bank, to Oct. 31	434.58
Taxes on Greenough Estate	279.00
Fixtures in Greenough House	50.00
Repairs on Greenough House	818.29
Rev. T. F. Wright for Postage Stamps and Sundry Expenses	36.28
Printing	24.05
Rent of Safe, Bay State Trust Co. . . .	7.50
8 days Interest on \$10,000 Atchison Notes sold	13.33
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$7,741.57

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	<i>\$7,741.57</i>	
Work on Furnace and Stoves	28.64	
Interest on H. W. Taylor Mortgage, 5 months, 13 days	90.57	
Rev. L. P. Mercer for Lectures	75.00	
Repairs on Bath Tub	3.25	
Watering Street at Cambridge	8.00	
Appropriation for Treasurer	100.00	
Engrossing Certificates	15.00	
		<u>\$8,062.03</u>
Balance on deposit at Bay State Trust Co.		159.01
		<u><u>\$8,221.04</u></u>

Cambridge Real-Estate Fund.

1891.

May 1. Amount of Fund as per Annual Account	\$17,794.19
Sundry Contributions reported at various times in New- Church Messenger	1,094.15
	<u>1,094.15</u>
Amount of Fund, May 1, 1892	<u><u>\$18,888.34</u></u>

Assets of the Corporation.

Mortgage on Church, etc., Brookline	\$7,500.00	
Mortgage, O. D. Homer, West Newton	6,000.00	
Mortgage, G. S. Woodman, Newtonville	5,200.00	
Mortgage, Church property, Providence	4,400.00	
Mortgage, Stephen Jennings, South Boston	6,000.00	
Mortgage, H. W. Taylor, Newton Highlands	4,000.00	
Sparks Estate, Cambridge	\$35,450.00	
Less mortgage	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		15,450.00
Greenough Estate, Cambridge	20,000.00	
Atchison Guarantee Note	5,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,700.00	
Balance of unpaid Subscription	1,370.00	
Cash on deposit, Bay State Trust Co.	914.42	
		<u>\$77,534.42</u>
Representing :—		
Cambridge Real-Estate Fund	18,888.34	
Endowment Fund	58,487.07	
Balance of current expense account	159.01	
		<u><u>\$77,534.42</u></u>

E. A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 1, 1892.

Examined and approved.

WM. J. CUTLER, }	<i>Finance</i>
F. A. DEWSON, }	<i>Committee.</i>

NO. 7.—REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE report of the President of the School, herewith submitted, leaves little to be added on the part of the Board. The latter met immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, and organized by the choice of Dr. Dike as Chairman, Mr. Reed as Secretary, and Messrs. Dike, Worcester, Hinkley, Whiston, and Reed the Executive Committee.

At the same meeting the Executive Committee was authorized to appoint the Visiting or Examining Committee for the ensuing year. This it did by the choice of Rev. Messrs. Reed, Hinkley, Hayden, Sewall, Mann, Warren, Smyth, H. E. Goddard, Hay, and Mr. Benjamin Worcester. Six of these gentlemen have lately visited the School and attended some of its exercises, but have presented no formal report.

The Executive Committee has held five meetings during the year, at which various matters connected with the School have been considered, but nothing which seems to call for mention in this report.

The Board nominates Rev. John C. Ager, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. James Reed, and Dr. Edward A. Whiston to serve as members of the Board for the next three years.

S. S. SEWARD, *Acting Chairman.*

JAMES REED, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE regular courses of instruction have been given in the school this year.

Dr. Dike has returned from his year's journey full of interesting information in regard to the religions and the races of the world. His instruction has related to the development of Christian doctrine, beginning with an account of the preparation of Europe to receive it, followed by the life of the Lord, and then the long struggle to frame an adequate account of the Divine and the Human in Him.

Mr. Warren has had his usual classes in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Dr. Wright has had the elementary class in the Doctrines of the Church, and a weekly exercise in Homiletics, with instruction in Pastoral work; also an elementary class in Rhetoric.

Mr. Coues has given a very thorough drill in the use of the voice, with practice in reading.

The President has had the advanced class in Doctrine, reading the "Last Judgment" and the "Apocalypse Revealed," and some twenty-five chapters of the "Arcana"; and in Correspondences has made a study of the Gospel of Mark.

Early in the autumn a course of six suggestive and stimulating lectures upon preaching in its various aspects was delivered by Rev. L. P. Mercer, which was highly valued.

Twelve students have been connected with the school more or less. Of these Mr. Prosser remained only a few weeks. Mr. Lyman returned December 13. Mr. Abel Armstrong came from a Presbyterian Church in Canada, and was with us until April 8, when he left us to take charge again of a Presbyterian Church in the West.

The field we can offer within the organization of the New Church is limited, and calls for a somewhat peculiar development of character. Many men can preach successfully the general doctrines of the church in fields very different from ours, whom we should not know how to employ. For such the School gladly does all that it can to make their work true and spiritually helpful.

Mr. Lathbury has been preaching usefully in Fall River, but coming to Cambridge three times a week for the doctrinal lessons. At the meeting of the Massachusetts Association, April 7, Mr. Lathbury and Mr. Flemming were ordained as ministers of the New Church — Mr. Flemming's services being desired by a company of New-Church people in Aalborg, Denmark.

Mr. Brönniche will remain with us another year, and then no doubt will be useful among his Danish countrymen, or the related Swedes.

Messrs. Hite, Billings, and Schafer leave us now — Messrs. Billings and Schafer having preached in alternation all the year in Springfield and Salem and Lynn. Mr. Antrobus is expecting to return again to the school. Mr. Montgomery for the present will enter the field in Maine as a colporter. Dr. T. W. Harris has taken the Homiletics and one course in Theology, and has preached acceptably in several of our pulpits.

The great lack of the school, as of the church, is of well-educated young men brought up in the church, intelligent in the doctrines, and zealous in preaching them. Men who have grown up under very different circumstances and come late into the New Church, will have zeal and ability to carry the truth to those who suffer from the want of it as once they did. They can do this much more effectively than men who have never had their experience; and a large field is open to them, if they are really earnest and self-denying. But they are at a corresponding disadvantage in ministering to the wants of those who have grown up in a knowledge of the truth, and they need a long acquaintance to enable them to meet their states. For those who have grown up in the church do not need to have the falsity of other doctrines shown to them, nor to have the truth of New-Church Doctrines elaborately proved. They need to go on in such application of the Doctrines to the interpretation of the Word, as will help them to know the Lord, to be near to Him, and to follow in His footsteps. The work of our New-Church organization seems to me exceedingly important; and to keep the church in full spiritual vigor we need young men who are willing and able to do this work.

One other small matter it seems well to bring to the attention of the Convention, and that is the time of closing the school. In Cambridge we have followed as closely as possible the University Calendar, according to which Commencement Day is the last Wednesday in June. But as almost the whole of the month of June is given to examinations and the preparations for Commencement, we should not be far out in closing about the first of June. When, however, the Convention meets early in May, if the instructors of the school are to attend, either the school must be closed, or the work of the students is interrupted for about a fortnight, and they simply wait unemployed till it is resumed for some ten days, after the Convention meetings are over. This year we closed the school May 6. It would be well for us, and possibly for some other branches of the work of the church, if the Convention could meet regularly on the first Saturday in June.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Managers.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President.*

NO. 8. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

THE Trustees would respectfully report that in order to help the Preston Society, of Caroline County, Maryland, to liquidate the indebtedness on their church, they agreed to lend them the further sum of two hundred dollars, and accordingly a new mortgage was made, by direction of the Board, to William McGeorge, Jr., as trustee for the benefit of this Fund, for \$1,200, and duly recorded, and the former mortgage of \$1,000, made to Mr. C. Augustus E. Spamer, as trustee, was satisfied of record.

The securities held by the trustees and the cash at their disposal, appear from the following account of the Treasurer, which gives full details.

By Minute 27 of the JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION for 1891, so much of the report of the Illinois Association for that year as relates to the formation of building associations, and also the resolutions recommended by the same Association, were referred to the Trustees of the Building Fund for consideration. Unfortunately there has been no opportunity for the trustees to get together, and what correspondence has been had, has not been of as full and sufficiently satisfactory character as would warrant the trustees in speaking authoritatively upon these questions at this time. It had been hoped that an occasion might be taken at some time during the session of 1892 for the trustees to meet and carefully consider these resolutions, and perhaps decide upon a definite plan, but it is feared that there will not be sufficient attendance at the Convention to make this very feasible. There is undoubtedly very great merit in the suggestions, and, under proper regulations, the church could avail itself of these expedients, which have been used to such good purpose in more secular organizations. It is more than probable that a sufficient fund could thus be raised for the building of many small houses of worship. It would perhaps be expedient to have the parties who suggested these matters to the General Convention, appointed in conjunction with the Building Trustees as a special committee to consider and report on these plans. In this way the trustees could get the benefit of the suggestions and the larger experience of those who have proposed this matter to the General Convention, and have evidently given much thought to it.

The terms of Messrs. George Ropes and William N. Hobart, two of the trustees, expire this year and it will be necessary to fill the vacancies by the election of two trustees to serve the three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR., *President.*

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE NEW-CHURCH
BUILDING FUND.

1891.

May 25.	For Balance on hand per account rendered Convention	\$413.17
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1892.

April 22.	Received payment of interest, note of Trustees of Preston Society at three years from April 22, 1889	40.00
	Interest from Mass. Loan and Trust Co., on amount deposited, \$12.12, and on balance in Treasurer's hands, \$1.96 . .	14.08
		<u>\$467.25</u>

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1892.

April 6.	By exchange of Mortgage Securities with the Preston Society of the New-Jerusalem Church, Maryland, from \$1,000 to \$1,200	\$200.00
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Balance on hand this date deposited with Mass. Loan and Trust Co.	<u>\$267.25</u>
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Memorandum of Securities held by the Treasurer: —

Notes of the Trustees of the Preston Society of the New-Jerusalem Church of Caroline Co., Maryland, Charles H. Whithy, President, payable to Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Trustee: —	
dated Mar. 24, '92, payable 1 yr. after date	\$48.00
Less endorsed on same	3.23
	<u>\$44.77</u>
dated Mar. 24, '92, payable 2 yrs. after date	48.00
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Cash deposited with Mass. Loan and Trust Co.	267.25
	<u>\$1,608.02</u>

The above notes are secured by mortgage from the Preston Society, Charles H. Whitby, President, to Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Trustee.

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer.*

E. & O. E.

Examined and approved.

D. L. WEBSTER, *Auditor.*

NO. 9. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE RICE LEGACY.*

D. L. WEBSTER, TRUSTEE, *in account with* THE RICE LEGACY.

Receipts.

1891.	DR.		
May 15.	Cash balance per report (as May 1, 1891) . . .	\$73.65	
Oct. 1.	First National Bank 24 Shares, Dividend No. 56, 6 months to date	144.00	
Oct. 14.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R., 1st mortgage 4 per cent. Bonds, \$2,500. Coupons, July 1	50.00	
Oct. 15.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R. Income Bonds, \$2,000, 2 per cent., to Sept. 1	40.00	
Dec. 31.	A. T. & Santa Fé R. R. 1st mortgage, 4 per cent. Bonds, \$2,500. Coupons, Jan. 1	50.00	
1892.			
Mar. 31.	First National Bank 24 Shares, Dividend No. 57, 6 months to April 1	144.00	
May 1.	Interest on account to date	2.45	
			\$504.10

Disbursements.

1891.	CR.		
June 23.	Cash paid New-Church Board of Publication for <i>Messenger</i> for C. D. Rice, 1 year	\$1.50	
June 23.	New-Church Board of Publication for <i>Messenger</i> for Putnam, Putnam, and Frost, 2 years each	9.00	
Oct. 6.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for W. Prosser	10.85	
Oct. 6.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for J. W. Schafer	10.45	
Oct. 6.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for F. M. Billings	10.00	
	<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$41.80	\$504.10

* This report was received too late to be read to the Convention.

	<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$41.80	\$504.10
Oct. 6.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for W. L. Gladish	11.25	
Oct. 10.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Louis Rich	27.60	
Oct. 14.	F. A. Dewson, for Rev. Mr. Potts' Concordance	150.00	
Oct. 14.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Mr. Takimi	1.50	
Oct. 29.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for W. B. Hayden	12.00	
Oct. 29.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Mr. Bronniche	10.00	
Dec. 24.	Mass. New-Church Union, five subscriptions <i>N.-Y. Magazine</i>	10.00	
Dec. 31.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Prof. Anthony	2.85	
Dec. 31.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for C. H. Flemming	20.00	
1892.			
Mar. 19.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for C. W. Plummer	5.65	
Mar. 19.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for minister in Jamaica, W. I.	1.89	
Mar. 21.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for A. Armstrong	7.00	
Apr. 14.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Rev. E. A. Hoffman	6.15	
May 2.	Mass. New-Church Union, Books for Rev. G. L. Montgomery	7.74	
May 5.	F. A. Dewson, for Rev. Mr. Potts	100.00	
			<u>\$415.43</u>
	Balance on hand as Cash, May 1, 1892		<u>\$88.67</u>

Property of the Rice Legacy May 5, 1892.

24 Shares Stock First National Bank of Boston at \$240	\$5,760.00
\$2,500 First Mortgage 4 per cent. Bonds Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. at \$81	2,025.00
\$2,000 Income Bonds Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. at \$54	1,080.00
Cash on hand, deposited with Webster & Co.	88.67
	<u>\$8,953.67</u>

D. L. WEBSTER, *Trustee.*

E. & O. E.

NO. 10. — REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTCH LEGACY.

1891.

May 1. Balance on hand as per last report \$1,585.78

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society . . .	\$112.50	
“ “ J. R. Carter	150.00	
“ “ J. B. Wiggin	65.75	
“ “ A. D. Colby	55.00	
Interest on Bonds, Eastern R. R.	90.00	
“ “ Deposit, Third National Bank	26.51	
Dividend, Bank of Redemption	105.00	
Income		\$604.76
A. D. Colby, on account capital	\$150.00	
J. R. Carter, on account capital	6,000.00	
		<u>6,150.00</u>
		\$8,340.54

Payments.

On account Revision of <i>Arcana Cælestia</i> . .	\$900.00	
Insurance	34.65	
Expenses and Commissions of Trustees . . .	223.04	
On account Plates of <i>Arcana</i>	500.00	
On account Mortgage of N. G. Green	5,000.00	
		<u>\$6,657.69</u>
Balance on hand as rendered in account to Probate Court, Jan. 1, 1892		<u>\$1,682.85</u>

Property on Hand.

35 Shares National Bank of Redemption	\$3,804.70	
\$3,000 Bonds, Eastern R. R. Co.	2,782.50	
Mortgage, Portland Society	4,500.00	
“ J. B. Wiggin	2,200.00	
“ A. D. Colby	1,000.00	
“ N. G. Green	5,000.00	
Cash	1,682.85	
		<u>\$20,970.05</u>
Books, Plates, etc., which cost		<u>17,138.66</u>
		<u>\$38,683.91</u>

A contract with the New-Church Board of Publication for the publishing of the remaining works of Swedenborg has been completed, under which they have issued the work on *Heaven and Hell* and have nearly ready the first volume of the *Arcana Coelestia*.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, ALBERT MASON, CHAS. M. REED, HORACE P. CHANDLER,	} <i>Trustees.</i>
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NO. 11. — REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE Council held a meeting at the close of the last session of the Convention, organized for the year by the choice of Rev. John Worcester as chairman and Rev. T. F. Wright as secretary, confirmed the nominations made by the President of Convention of the members of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and assigned to various ministers subjects for the preparation of essays.

The Council came together again at Cincinnati, on the tenth day of the present month, and has held five sessions, during which it has prepared itself to report on all the subjects placed with it by the Convention, and has listened to and discussed papers as follows:

1. The annual address, which was delivered by the Rev. P. B. Cabell, on "The Ministry and Preaching."
2. A paper on "The Unity of the Church," by the Rev. James Reed.
3. A paper on "Woman's Place and Work in the Church and the World," by the Rev. A. F. Frost.
4. A paper on the "Revision of the Liturgy," by the Rev. John Worcester, who also presented the ministers with a little volume of responsive readings and selections for chanting.
5. A paper on the question, "Is it proper to change the benediction in Rev. xxii. 21 to the form of a prayer for minister and people, when the minister is dismissing the congregation?" This paper was prepared by the Rev. S. M. Warren.
6. A paper on the "Creation of the First Men," by the Rev. L. P. Mercer.

7. A paper on the question, "Shall we encourage in the New Church the formation of societies like the King's Daughters, and the like?" prepared by the Rev. Frank Sewall.

8. A paper on "Confirmation," by the Rev. A. F. Frost.

9. A paper on "The New Jerusalem and its Relation to the Apostolic Church," by the Rev. L. P. Mercer.

The Rev. Chauncey Giles had prepared a paper on "The Lord's Method in Teaching," but to our great regret he was unable to be present on the day assigned for its reading.

In consequence of a paper which was read last year in regard to a Statement of Faith suitable for use in the *Messenger*, a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Reed, Mann, and Wright was last year requested to give attention to the subject. A report from them was received, freely commented upon, and in general approved, power being given them to revise their first draught, for the assistance of the editor, after considering the suggestions which had been offered. It is probable that a somewhat new, but of course unauthoritative statement, will presently be brought into use.

Several letters from ministers not reporting to the Convention through Associations have been received, but the Council will report its recommendations in regard to changes in the list of ministers at another time.

The subject of Liturgy Revision, with a view to the improvement of our present book of worship and to the unification of our liturgical usages, has been permanently taken up by the Council and put into the hands of a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. John Worcester, Reed, John Goddard, Seward, Sewall, Smyth, Cabell, and Tafel, who will report progress from year to year.

The Convention several years ago referred to the Council the subject of the Translation of the Word, and several amendments which had been proposed to Article V. Section 5 of the Constitution. On these subjects, which are all that are in our hands, we would report as follows :

A NEW TRANSLATION OF THE WORD.

THE New Jerusalem throughout is founded on the letter of the Word. Its doctrines are drawn from it, and the letter of the Word is the foundation of its worship, and it is continually quoted in every religious treatise and discussion. The church develops

altogether according to its understanding of the Word and its obedience thereto.

The church in England and in France has felt the importance of a correct translation of the Word, and the inadequacy of the present versions of the Sacred Scriptures, for although these versions in most cases give a correct version of the general meaning of the text, there has been but little endeavor to preserve the minute distinctions as to expressions, and to carefully translate every word contained in the original. And yet such an exact translation is absolutely necessary if we would evolve therefrom correctly the treasures of the Internal Sense, through the revelation of which the Lord makes His Coming in the clouds of the letter with power and great glory.

That in the New Church it is not sufficient to have the general sense of the letter, but that every word and syllable should be translated is manifest from the following passages from the Writings :

The internal text is so continuous, that not even the least word can be omitted without an interruption of the series. (A. C. 7933.)

In the *Last Judgment*, n. 41, Swedenborg says :

This I can assert, that every least particular in the Word contains in itself a spiritual sense, and that in that sense all things of the Church as to its spiritual state are described in fulness from beginning to end; and because each word there signifies something spiritual, therefore not a single word can be omitted without the series of things in the internal sense suffering a change; therefore at the end of the Book of Revelation it is said : "And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book." The same is the case with the Books of the Word of the Old Testament; there also each thing, and each expression, contains an internal or spiritual sense; wherefore, there also, no word can be removed. Hence likewise it is that by the Lord's Divine Providence these books, from the time when they were first written, have been preserved entire down to the very jot, by the care of a number of men, who have numbered every least particular therein. This was provided by the Lord on account of the sanctity which is interiorly in every jot, letter, word, and thing.

Again, in the *Doctrine concerning the Sacred Scripture*, n. 13, we read :

It is to be observed that in the spiritual sense all things cohere in a continuous series, and to its production every word in the literal or natural sense conspires; wherefore, if but the least word is removed, the connection would be broken, and the conjunction would perish. Lest, therefore, this should

happen, it was added at the end of the prophetic Book of Revelation that not a word should be removed (xxii. 19). The same is the case with the prophetic Books of the Old Testament; lest anything should be removed thence, by the Lord's Divine Providence each particular therein, down to the very letters, was numbered; this was done by the Masorites.

Of only less importance than omissions are the many cases in which a word relating to the will is substituted for one relating to the understanding and *vice versa*, whereby the spiritual order of the Word is perverted; as when instead of *nation* we read *people* in 12 instances, and *rejoice* or *joy* 102 times instead of *to be glad* or *gladness*, and when we read *hill* for *mountain* in 57 cases.

The Convention recognized the importance of this work some years ago, and appointed a committee of seven to consider this question, but diversity of views has caused delay. There were those who desired to see whether the revised version then under way would not answer the purpose of the New Church. Others, unwilling to wait and despairing of any help from that quarter, began the work of translation; but differences arose between those who would make Swedenborg's Latin the basis of the new translation, and those who desired to have the translation from the original Hebrew and Greek. Little progress was therefore made in the work.

The time now seems, however, to be ripe for the resumption on the part of the Convention and its ministers of the work that has been interrupted. The Revised Version has been finished, and we can have the benefit of the great learning expended in this work. At the same time it has become evident to all that no translator who is ignorant of the internal sense of the Word, and of the wonderful law of correspondence according to which it is written, can give us a version from which we can fully and correctly develop the internal sense. On the other hand all the ministers now in the Convention, so far as we know, are agreed that a new version must be made not from the Latin of Swedenborg, but from the Hebrew and Greek in which the Word was originally given.

Those who are not familiar with the Hebrew are not aware how much confusion there exists in the translation of many words as given in the authorized version, but the fact that the word *faces* is translated in 82 ways, the Hebrew *word* in 77 ways, and the word *hand* in 71 ways, may show how much room there is for improvement in the rendering of these words as well as of many others.

The quality which seems most essential in producing a true translation of the Sacred Scriptures is the sincere and rational acknowledgment that every word and syllable in it is Divine, and that we should endeavor to bring it over pure and undefiled as far as this can be done. This essential acknowledgment, and the consequent holy veneration for the Sacred Scriptures, is found in its fulness only in the New Church. To no other source can we therefore look for the satisfaction of this pressing need of the church; and we may be sure that the Lord who has opened to us the infinite treasures of its internal sense will also guide His church in attaining a more perfect external on which this internal may rest.

The Council desires to move forward slowly and carefully in the preparation of a new translation of the Word, taking up perhaps a single book of the Word in a year; and it has appointed a committee for this purpose consisting of Rev. Messrs. John Worcester, Tafel, Paine, Werren, Reed, Ager, and Warren.

This Committee is requested, as far as is practicable, to obtain the coöperation of New-Churchmen in this country and abroad who are interested in the work.

If the Convention approves it will be well to appropriate a small sum of money for necessary expenses of travelling, printing, and postage. The following resolution is suggested for adoption by the Convention:—

Resolved, That the Convention approves of the purpose of the Council of Ministers to move forward in the careful translation of the Word, and appropriates the sum of \$250 to cover expenses that may be incurred by the Committee of the Council during the ensuing year.

In regard to the amendment of the Constitution, the Council of Ministers recommend, That Sect. 5, Art. V., of the Constitution, be wholly stricken out, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

“A minister ordained by authority of the Convention, or one reporting to and acting under the Rules of the Convention, shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by authority of the Convention.”

They also recommend that the following words be stricken out of Sect. 24 of the By-Laws: "When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by authority of the Convention," and that the words "acting under the Rules of" be substituted in the place of "reporting to" in the sixth and seventh lines of the Section.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions contained a recommendation that the Rev. Fedor Görwitz, President of the Swiss New-Church Union, be invested with the office of General Pastor. This recommendation was referred to the Council, which has considered the subject, and recommends that the Convention adopt the following vote:—

Resolved, That the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America gives its sanction to the investiture of the Rev. Fedor Görwitz with the office of General Pastor, the time and place of such investiture to be determined by the President of the Convention and Mr. Görwitz.

The report of the Pacific-Coast Association contained a request that the name of the Rev. George W. Savory be placed upon the list of ministers. On this subject the Council would recommend that the following be adopted:—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the ordination of the Rev. George W. Savory was not in accordance with the Rules of the Convention, his name be not placed upon the list of ministers of the Convention.

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be requested to correspond with the President of the Pacific-Coast Association, with the view of promoting harmonious action between that body and the Convention.

The General Society of Iowa presented an application that its President, the Rev. Stephen Wood, be invested with the office of General Pastor, and this was referred to this Council. The Council reports that, in its judgment, without calling in question the fitness of the candidate, it would be well to delay action upon the application until we have more definite information in regard to the need. In the mean time, if there should be occasion for the ordination of ministers in Iowa, the Council recommends that the Convention assume the necessary travelling expenses of the candidate.

The Council of Ministers recommends that the following changes in the list of ministers be made : —

Add between the lists of General Pastors and of Pastors and Ministers a new designation as follows : —

“Presiding Minister with Ordaining Powers” : Samuel S. Seward, 185 Lexington Ave., New York; ordained, Oct. 15, 1869; empowered by the New-York Association under sanction of the General Convention to ordain ministers, Feb. 22, 1891.

Add to list of Pastors and Ministers : Clarence Lathbury, April 7, 1892; Christian H. Flemming, April 7, 1892.

Add to list of Authorized Candidates : Thaddeus W. Harris, W. T. Haley, Andrew W. Duncan.

Omit from the list of Pastors and Ministers by their request; John E. Bowers, Richard De Charms, Frederick E. Waelchli, Edwin S. Hyatt.

Omit from the list of Candidates, by reason of expiration of authorization : Abraham L. Kip, Andrew E. Pope, James W. Moore, Gilbert R. Wilson.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

NO. 12.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions presents the following Report :—

General Operations of the Board.

WE are gratified in being able to report to the Convention a year of increased activity and usefulness, and a larger income to enable us to carry on our work. Our separate fields of labor have not increased ; but the area of these fields has widened and there are prospects of new laborers coming to the service of the Board. The greatest want we now feel is for a larger number of able missionaries — men thoroughly acquainted with the Doctrines of the New Church and filled with the holy zeal of making them known to the world. We cannot expect Societies to give up their settled pastors, however well fitted they may be to enter the mission field, nor can we expect the Associations to consent to the withdrawal of missionaries who are laboring efficiently in the fields covered by these Associations, that they may enter into the service of the Board. We can help them to sustain these missionaries, and are doing so by annual appropriations, but to withdraw men from these fields would render it more difficult for the Associations to secure other men to fill their places. Frequent changes either in the pastoral office or the missionary service are attended with a loss of strength and effectiveness.

The Rev. J. P. Smith, who has labored so faithfully in the service of the Board for many years, has been removed to the other world. The New-Church people of Chattanooga have felt this to be a great natural loss to them, and they are now looking to this Board to find a successor to Mr. Smith. The people in Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., are much in need of a settled pastor for these localities, and in case the Rev. J. E. Smith should settle in Jacksonville, a missionary will be needed to supply his field in Maryland and Virginia. This, then, is our most pressing need. We believe if six more well-qualified men could be found who would be willing to enter the service of the Board, they would find abundant work to do, and they could be supported.

The attention is called to the report of our Treasurer. It will be seen that our receipts for the past year, amounting to \$6,930.34, have exceeded those of any former year, and that our disbursements have

been greater also. The balance of \$1,589.90, in the hands of the Treasurer, is not larger than is needed to provide for existing liabilities extending into another year, and to meet contingencies. We are called upon from time to time to meet the expense of some special service which cannot be anticipated, and we shall always need a small reserve to enable us to pay promptly the salaries of those who are regularly employed by the Board. It is hoped, therefore, that the New-Church people throughout the country, and especially those who are in attendance upon the session of the Convention, will well consider the wants of the Board, and contribute as liberally to its funds as they have done during the past year. In this connection we desire again to call the attention of the Convention and the New-Church people generally to the importance of increasing the Endowment Fund of the Board, which now amounts to \$3,410. The sum of \$525 has been added to this fund since our last report. We confidently hope that it will be largely augmented during the coming year.

The subject of providing for the incorporation of the Board or for a Board of Trustees has engaged our attention, and, after mature deliberation, it has been decided to recommend to the Convention that for the present, at least, the Board be not incorporated, but that legacies be made to the Convention itself, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, for missionary uses under the direction of this Board; and in case of devises of land that they be made to trustees for the same use, and that forms for such legacies and devises as herewith presented be published in every issue of the *New-Church Messenger*, in a conspicuous place. We recommend, therefore, the passage of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Convention requests the New-Church Board of Publication to publish, in every issue of the *New-Church Messenger*, the following forms:—

FORM OF A LEGACY FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

I give to "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of _____ dollars for the maintenance of the Missionary Board of the Convention, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions."

FORM OF A DEVISE OF LAND.

I give and devise to [here insert names of Trustees and description of property] in trust for the maintenance of the missionary work of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions." And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the said property at any time, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention.

This Board, however, recommends to all persons desirous of becoming its benefactors to give in their life time, and not to incur the risk of having their good intentions defeated by the uncertainties of the law and improper verdicts of juries. The recent verdict in the Allen case is a warning.

In view of providing our missionaries abroad with the *New-Church Messenger*, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the New-Church Board of Publication be requested to furnish the missionaries assisted by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Convention in foreign countries, with the weekly issues of the *New-Church Messenger* without charge to said missionaries for the same.

This Board has received from "The Swiss Union of the New Church" the following application to the Convention, to bestow upon their pastor, Rev. Fedor Görwitz, the rights of an ordaining minister, or General Pastor, in conformity with the Constitution of the General Convention : —

[TRANSLATION.]

ZURICH, March 13, 1892.

*To the General Convention of the New Church in the
United States of America : —*

DEAR BRETHREN : When the Rev. Frank Sewall, in 1888, was in our midst as messenger of the General Convention, he pointed out in his address to our General Meeting that it would be useful for the orderly development of the church in Switzerland, if the rights of an ordaining minister or General Pastor were bestowed by the General Convention on the present pastor of the Swiss Union (who was ordained under authority of the General Convention), in order to enable him to introduce others in an orderly way into the ministry, when re-

quired by the growth of the church. The Rev. Frank Sewall added that, according to his conviction, the General Convention would be ready for this step whenever our Union would apply to it for this purpose.

This matter was referred by our General Meeting to the Executive Committee, with authority to act in due time in conformity with the suggestions of the Rev. Frank Sewall.

After mature consideration we regard it now as good and useful to act on this authority in the interest of the orderly development of our dear Church, not only in Switzerland, but also in the wide domain of the German-speaking countries in general. We have been informed that the Board of Missions of the General Convention regards it as desirable to have an ordaining minister on the continent of Europe, and that it considers our present pastor as competent for this position. We desire to express our hearty agreement to this, and will not delay on our part to take the steps requisite for this purpose.

In the name of the Swiss Union of the New Church we apply to the General Convention to bestow on our pastor, the Rev. Fedor Görwitz, who was ordained under authority of the General Convention, the rights of an ordaining minister or General Pastor, in conformity with the Constitution of the General Convention.

We hope that the bestowal of these rights on our pastor by the General Convention will tend to strengthen the brotherly relations which unite our Union to your body, and to which you have given expression in the resolutions transmitted to us by the Rev. Frank Sewall, and in your communications addressed to our General Meetings. May the Lord keep under his gracious protection your organization which performs such important uses for the church, which extends its activity far and wide, and to which we look with hope and confidence.

With brotherly greeting,

The Executive Committee of the Swiss Union of the New Church.

The Vice-President:

ALB. BLAU-KOLLA.

The Secretary:

ADOLF BLAU-PERRIN.

It was confidently expected that the Rev. Mr. Görwitz would be able to attend the approaching session of the Convention at Cincinnati, but he has been prevented from doing so by sickness in his family. The granting of this application is approved by this Board as we feel assured that our brother is well qualified to fill this office and perform its uses, and that the interests of the New Church in Germany and Switzerland would be advanced by having an ordaining minister or General Pastor for those countries. As the formal act of consecration cannot be performed at present it would be well that the Convention approve of its being done hereafter. We recommend, therefore, that the application be referred to the Council of Ministers to report thereon at the present session of the Convention.

HOME FIELDS.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

LAST Summer the Rev. Dr. Dike spent one month in the neighborhood of Wentworth, lecturing and preaching. He reports that the few New-Church people in that neighborhood are doing what they can to sustain the cause and that there are several Ministers not connected with the New Church who are reading the doctrines.

Michigan.

No change has taken place in our relations with the Michigan Association, and no new call has been made upon us by it. The Association continues to support the Rev. George Nelson Smith as its missionary, and the Board has contributed, during the past year, the sum of one hundred dollars towards his salary.

Canada.

The division in the Canada Association has been healed after the withdrawal of a portion of its members who adhere to the Academy of the New Church. Nothing has been appropriated for Canada the past year. We have had no application for aid for missionary work since the difficulties have been settled, but we stand ready to help this Association whenever they shall place an efficient worker in the field.

Kansas and Missouri.

The Rev. Gustave Reiche during the past year has been prostrated by sickness from which he has only recently recovered sufficiently to attend to his pastoral duties in Topeka. He has been obliged to omit his missionary visits to Hazelton and other places, but he hopes to resume a part at least of his duties in the missionary field.

Minnesota.

Some new developments have taken place in Minnesota. Quite an interest has been developed in Kimball, about sixty miles from Minneapolis, and a small Society was formed there last summer. Garden Valley and Kingston, small places in the neighborhood of Kimball, have also manifested some interest. The Rev. J. S. David has visited

these places, and it is through his lectures that this interest has been awakened.

The Society in Minneapolis has made a strong appeal to the Board for aid in the support of Mr. David, and it is proposed that he should divide his time between that Society and the missionary field. A sudden and severe illness incapacitated the Rev. E. C. Mitchell from performing his pastoral duties in St. Paul, and Mr. David has supplied his pulpit, as well as his own, for some weeks past. This has prevented him from prosecuting his missionary work. It is hoped, however, that some arrangement will soon be made by which Mr. David can divide his time between the Minneapolis Society and the mission work in Minnesota.

California, Oregon, and Washington.

These States are under the care and supervision of the Pacific-Coast Association. The Board has recently received a very full report from the Rev. John Doughty of the condition of affairs in that extensive region of country, which was made in response to an inquiry from us. An extract from this report will give a general idea of what is being done :—

We are in every way anxious to avail ourselves of all the assistance the Board of Missions can render us to further the cause on this coast. . . . It has been our thought—I may say our fixed policy—that it were better to render our ministers at fixed points efficient aid, so that they might, at least, be able to keep soul and body together, while they built up the local society, and did such missionary work in their own surroundings as they could, or at places at easy access to their own centre, rather than to spend their money on a missionary at large who made spasmodic efforts in new places, and let the established local centre die out. Not that the wandering missionary is not useful, but that with very limited means it was more useful to sustain established centres. Thus Mr. Bowen at San Diego, Mr. Dryden at San Jose, and Mr. Savory of Los Angeles, are doing satisfactory work on that theory. With regard to Oregon and Washington it was our desire to sustain a minister at Portland, who would spend one Sabbath of the month at Ballston, and would at stated times visit Seattle, Tacoma, La Grande, Fair Oaks, etc. This was all settled when I was at Portland last summer. They raised a subscription sufficient to pay rent of hall and give the minister five hundred dollars a year, to which one hundred dollars of the Missionary Board money was to be added. When it was found that a proper minister could not be procured for so small a sum, I designed to write to you asking whether Portland could not be further helped, . . . but the Portland Society changed its plan, voted to abandon the idea of obtaining a minister at present, and to strain all their energies to first buying a lot and building a modest church thereon, and went so far as to give up worship at a

public hall, and hold the same at a private house, in order to devote even the rent to a building fund. In this state of affairs the sustaining a minister in Oregon even with pretty efficient aid seems at the present moment to be out of the question.

In regard to Tacoma and Seattle, Mr. Doughty writes that owing to the decline of the so-called boom in real estate, poor business prospects have compelled some of the New-Church people in those places to return East and those who are left are not able to contribute much to the support of a missionary. These are important and growing cities, however, and ought not to be neglected.

The Board has contributed \$450 to aid the Pacific-Coast Association in the past fiscal year, and will continue to help it as our means will permit. We concur in the suggestions of Mr. Doughty in regard to sustaining those ministers who are already working at centres, especially in consideration of the fact mentioned by him, that in that region "distances are so enormous and population so thinly scattered compared to Eastern States."

Texas.

The report from the Rev. Jabez Fox, which will be presented by him in person, will best explain what is going on in Texas. The Board has complied with a suggestion in reference to the supply of the Galveston pulpit, during Mr. Fox's absence in the summer, by the Rev. F. L. Higgins, and Mr. Higgins will enter upon his duties early in this month.

Georgia.

Savannah is the principal seat of the New Church in Georgia, and has engaged a large share of our attention. The Rev. Mr. Spiers, who entered into the service of the Board as minister to the Society at that place in October 1890, returned to the North in the month of May following. The Savannah people would have been glad to retain him as their minister, but he decided in the fall not to return to the South, preferring to labor in New England.

The Secretary of the Board visited Savannah in February and March, spending four Sundays there preaching and lecturing. His decided conviction is that very little progress can be made in Savannah without a permanent pastor. The Society has voted to place in the hands of the Convention, in trust for the use of the Society, the securities bequeathed to it by Miss Elizabeth Church. It is hoped

that the income from this fund, and local subscriptions, supplemented by aid from this Board, will be sufficient hereafter to sustain a minister.

Receivers may be found in Augusta, Macon, Columbus, Atlanta, and other places in Georgia, all of which ought to be visited at stated periods by the New-Church Missionary. Our efforts should be directed to sustaining a minister who should have a general oversight of the whole State, seeking out the receivers and ministering to their wants.

Florida.

Nearly the same account may be given of the state of things in Florida. The Jacksonville Society needs a minister. They are stronger in some respects than the Society in Savannah, and in several places in Florida there are New-Church people. Unless provision be made for a permanent pastor for the Jacksonville Society, the cause will languish, not only in that city but in the State.

During his recent visit to Savannah the Secretary made a visit to Jacksonville, and conferred with the people there in reference to their wants.

Tennessee.

Chattanooga has already been referred to. The Society of which the Rev. J. P. Smith was the pastor, is located at Ridgedale, a suburb of Chattanooga. It has been reduced in strength by the death of Mr. Smith, and two of its lay members, who were its principal financial supporters; but the Society maintains occasional services and sustains a Sabbath School. They are now looking to this Board to supply them with a minister.

The State of Tennessee should have a missionary, and one could be sustained with coöperation on the part of the New-Church people residing within its borders. There are receivers in Crossville, where the Rev. Louis Rich has labored for several months the past year, in Union City, Knoxville, Memphis, and other places. Mr. Nussbaum has lately begun to preach to a number of Swiss people in Gruetli. He has also visited Chattanooga recently. The Rev. Mr. Bartels has visited the New-Church people in Union City, who are very desirous of having the services of a New-Church minister regularly.

Maryland and Virginia.

The Board has continued to support the mission of the Rev. J. E.

Smith on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, which includes Preston, Williamsburgh, and other places, and has recently aided the Board of Missions of the Maryland Association to support the missions in Richmond, Petersburg, Bedford City, and Abingdon in Virginia.

The work in Virginia is more promising than for some time past. It is the opinion of this Board that a missionary should be constantly employed in Maryland and Virginia. The field is a large one, but by forming circuits and arranging for definite periods of service, the work could be effectively and economically carried on. The Maryland Association is not able to do it without the aid of this Board. The coöperation of the two Boards has been fully discussed, and it is hoped that full agreement and harmony of action will result.

FOREIGN FIELDS.

Switzerland and Germany.

Very little that is new has occurred in New-Church affairs in Switzerland. The Board has lately had a very full correspondence with the Rev. Fedor Görwitz, who labors faithfully in Zurich and other places in Switzerland, and makes annual visits to Vienna and places in Germany. He continues to publish regularly his monthly periodical called *Monatblätter*. The Swiss Union keeps a Depository of the New-Church books in German and French, in Oberstrass, Zurich. Mr. Görwitz reports in a recent letter the conversion to the New Church of a Methodist minister, who resides in Keadho, a city of 17,000 inhabitants, near Prague, in Bohemia. As none of Swedenborg's writings have yet been translated into the Czechian language, the language of Bohemia, this gentleman may be the instrument of introducing the truths of the New Church to the people of Bohemia in their own language.

The application of the Swiss Union already referred to, if granted, may be the means of enlarging the usefulness of Pastor Görwitz, and cement the bond of union between the General Convention and the Swiss Union of the New Church.

Italy.

The annual report of Signor Scocia herewith submitted shows the work that is being done by this earnest and faithful laborer in the Lord's vineyard. The Board appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars to aid him this past year, and will continue to assist him.

[TRANSLATION.]

REPORT OF THE ITALIAN MISSION.

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN: In the midst of the inevitable difficulties by which the Missionary Work of the New Church in Italy is surrounded, and its progress hindered and retarded, I render thanks to the Lord for not having, for one moment, lost my faith in its final triumph.

It is indubitable that much time is necessary for bringing to completion any great and lasting undertaking, and that without constancy in the good purpose the difficulties will not be conquered and the desired end will not be reached. Therefore I have patiently persevered in my labors, and just in the last few days have brought to an end a work from which we may reasonably expect the best results for the future.

I have translated from the English into Italian the Liturgy of the New Church, introducing into it some modifications which seemed to me necessary for adapting it to the sentiment and genius of the Italian people. I have, moreover, added a collection of Sacred Hymns and Chants, some of which are original, others already in use in the Evangelical Churches here, but carefully revised and put in harmony with our Doctrines.

This Liturgy, of which the last pages are now being printed, will be ready by the coming month of June, when all of us of the New Church in Italy will come together in this city for our first Conference. On this occasion will the celebration of Worship be inaugurated here in a regular form, and a child of Sig. Donato D'Ambrosio, the president of our Association, will be baptized (probably by the Rev. Mr. Ford, if his health will permit).

In the meantime there is being circulated among the adherents of the Heavenly Doctrines a Declaration of Consent to the external organization of the New Church of the Lord in Italy, and to the choice of a properly recognized Minister or Pastor, fitted to preach the Word and to administer the Sacraments according to the Doctrines of our Faith.

Another useful labor, which has occupied and will continue to occupy a part of my time, is the arranging of the Library of the New Church. It is provided with many most precious works of our literature, in Latin, Italian, French, English, and German. Recently also the Rev. Mr. Ford has been so kind as to enrich it with a generous gift of more than fifty volumes of important works. Moreover, he has kindly furnished me with 500 lire for printing the Liturgy, for which I owe him my best and most sincere thanks.

Thus our friends of other countries, when they visit Florence, will be able when they please to pass some hours in our Library, in delightful and instructive reading; so much the more willingly since the house of the Mission is situated in a most pleasant location and will be comfortable at all seasons.

The sale and circulation of the Writings of the New Church have not fallen off from those of the past years; so that with the blessing of the Lord we can hope that also 1892 will remain among the useful years of good results for our sacred work in Italy.

The contributions received by me up to today for the Missionary Work are the following: From your Board of Missions, \$200; from the English Conference

Committee, £55; from some American and English friends, \$30; from the adherents of the Heavenly Doctrines in Italy, 100 francs.

Deeply grateful, I thank you most earnestly, dear friends and brethren, and with you, thank those kind persons who with so much generosity and benevolence continue to lend me their encouraging aid, and to sustain this my weak endeavors in the noble and grand work of propagating the light of the New Jerusalem.

Your devoted and obedient servant in the New Church,

LORETO SCOCIA.

Florence, No. 6 Via Benedetto da Foiano.

April 20, 1892.

Denmark.

A recent letter from the Rev. William Winslow reports a continuance of his pastoral work for the small Society in Copenhagen. Mr. Winslow labors under some difficulty with a small salary. His Society is diminished by removals, but by small accessions it remains nearly the same in numbers. The Board continues its appropriation of \$150 for his support and \$50 towards payment of rent for the Society's place of worship. In Aalborg a small Society exists and they have asked for the services of the Rev. C. H. Flemming, of the Theological School, who has lately been ordained by the Massachusetts Association. Mr. Flemming has accepted the call and proposes to sail for Denmark in the autumn.

Sweden.

We reported last year that the Rev. Albert Bjorck had begun his labors in Stockholm under the auspices of this Board, and that a Publication Society had been formed. A report from Mr. Bjorck is herewith submitted.

The condition of things in Stockholm is not satisfactory. The old division still exists, and it has been difficult for Mr. Bjorck to work under existing conditions. He has done everything to promote union, or at least good feeling, but there is an antagonism on the part of Mr. Boyesen to his efforts which is hurtful to the cause of the New Church in Sweden. The Board has contributed four hundred dollars to the support of Mr. Bjorck for the past year, and has aided the Rev. C. J. N. Manby, of Gottenburg, to the extent of one hundred dollars.

REPORT OF REV. ALBERT BJORCK.

The work in Stockholm during the past months has been going quietly on, and in some respects it has been accompanied by encouraging results.

A change in the development of the Church in Sweden is slowly but surely going on. It is of an interior character and it may take some time before the surface conditions will indicate the real state of the Church.

When present at the Convention last year, I pleaded for aid in behalf of the newly formed Publication Society in Stockholm. The money subscribed in America, and later in England, although not as much as I had hoped for, or enough to make the success of the Society assured, did, together with the money raised here, enable it to stay in the field and begin its work. Suitable quarters were rented, bookcases and furniture provided for a bookroom, and a larger room for evening meetings.

The Publication Society was fortunate enough to secure the services of two very warm New-Church ladies to live in adjoining rooms and take charge of the selling and lending of books. As they give their services practically without remuneration, enough money was left the Society to warrant it to employ Mr. Manby's services in translating "*De Amore Conjugiali*," and we hope that the Society may be able to keep him at work as much as his time permits, thereby giving the church in Sweden the benefit of his great ability in such work. In order to secure more of Mr. Manby's time for that work it was decided to transfer the publishing of the Society's paper, *New-Church Tidings*, from Gottenburg to Stockholm.

One hope in connection with the work of the Publication Society, namely, that it should become, as Mr. Manby expressed it in his letter to the last Convention, "a mighty instrument for uniting in a common work all New-Churchmen in our country," has thus far failed to materialize, owing to the attitude of Mr. Boyesen.

It is a great pity that he should regard the work of that Society as detrimental to his interests, as it keeps the New-Church people in two separate divisions, each having a much harder time to get along than would be the case if they could unite at least in that work which ought to be of equal interest to both sides. The Publication Society must now procure the books published by Mr. Boyesen with Dr. Ellis's aid, "*Scepticism and Revelation*" and the "*True Christian Religion*," through the bookseller, and none of Mr. Boyesen's people seem to be willing to aid the Society in any way. Before a change in this can be brought about it will be almost impossible for us to sustain the work of the Society, but we trust that the aid will come in the measure it is needed.

Both internal and external conditions combine to make this a trying time. It is a transition period following the disruptions we have had, and necessarily brings uncertainty and despondency to many minds, preventing them from doing what they otherwise might do. If we can get safely over it I do not doubt that the church will have a peaceful and growing time in store.

The religious society which works in harmony with the Publication Society has held Divine services regularly Sunday mornings, with the exception of two Sundays in January, when the state of my health compelled me to leave Stockholm for a short rest. Up to that time I held two evening meetings a week in the Publication Society's room, Sunday and Wednesday, but afterwards I did not resume the Sunday evening meetings.

The Sunday morning attendance was small in December and January, owing

to the prevalence of the influenza, but has since increased, averaging about seventy-five or eighty. The evening meetings have been well attended and the interest growing. The room does not hold more than between thirty and forty people, and it would be desirable to get a larger room for next year.

At the writing of this the regular annual meeting of the Society has not yet been held—it takes place in May—and no definite arrangements for my stay another year have been made. At a meeting of the directors a couple of days ago, they decided, in order that I might be able to say so in this report, that they wished me to stay, and would personally guarantee me a salary of 1500 kr. or about \$400, but that they did not see their way of raising more at present. I feel sure that the people share the wish of the directors, but whether I shall stay or not rests with the Convention's Board of Missions, whose servant I am.

ALBERT BJORCK.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

E. A. WHISTON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1891.

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May 12.	To Balance on hand, as per annual account . .	\$807.55
	Amounts received as per monthly statements in New-Church Messenger:—	
	Contributions for general purposes not specifically designated by contributors . . .	\$4,536.54
	For General Home Missions	843.00
	Rev. J. E. Smith's work	136.00
	Pacific-Coast work	175.00
	Southern work	1.00
	Texas	462.25
	Missionary work of Rev. J. B. Parmelee	50.00
	Maryland	66.89
	Helping small Societies	10.00
	General Foreign Missions	269.53
	Italy	118.00
	Sweden	33.00
	Denmark	10.00
	Budapest	10.00
	Japan	50.00
	Swiss Union	2.50
	Income from Endowment Fund	122.46
	Interest on Bank Deposit	34.17
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		\$7,737.89

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May 6. By Amounts paid to date, as follows:—

Rev. J. B. Spiers, Salary at Savannah, 5 mos.	\$166.67
Rev. Jabez Fox, balance on last year's salary	125.00
Rev. Jabez Fox, 11 months to March 31 . . .	1,100.00
Rev. Jabez Fox, Expenses	76.95
Rev. J. E. Smith, work in Maryland and Virginia	250.00
Rev. J. E. Smith, Southern tour	300.00
Rev. G. Reiche, 1 year to April 30	500.00
Rev. L. F. Hite, 3 months in Virginia	150.00
Rev. Louis Rich, 9 months to Jan. 31	162.50
Rev. Louis Rich, extra appropriation	50.00
Rev. J. P. Smith, 9 months to Feb. 29	300.00
Rev. W. H. Hinkley's Southern tour	238.00
Rev. S. F. Dike, work in Nova Scotia	100.00
Rev. J. B. Spiers, work in Maine	50.00
Minnesota Association	200.00
Maryland Association	275.00
Maryland Association for Richmond Mission	50.00
Pacific-Coast Association	450.00
Michigan Association	100.00
Rev. A. Bjorck, Sweden, to June 30, 1892	400.00
Rev. C. J. N. Manby, Sweden	100.00
Rev. F. Görwitz, Switzerland and Germany	100.00
Rev. Wm. Winslow, Denmark	150.00
Rev. Wm. Winslow, for rent of chapel	50.00
Prof. Loreto Scotia, Italy	400.00
For Budapest	50.00
Appropriation for Treasurer	100.00
Rev. W. H. Hinkley, Secretary, for postage and mailing circulars	34.00
Printing reports, circulars, etc.	75.80
Stationery and blank books	4.79
Books sent to Missionaries and others	39.28
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	\$6,147.99
Balance on deposit	1,589.90
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ENDOWMENT FUND.

1891.

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May 12. To Amount of Fund as per annual account . . .	\$2,885.00
Sundry contributions as per acknowledgments in New-Church Messenger	525.00
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Amount of Fund May 6, 1892	<u>\$3,410.00</u>

Assets of the Board.

\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Bond	} Cost .	\$900.23
\$50.00 A. T. & S. F. 4 per cent. Scrip		
\$500.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Bond .		
\$50.00 A. T. & S. F. Income Scrip .		
Deposit in Franklin Savings Bank, Boston . . .		1,093.22
Deposit in Boston Five Cents Savings Bank . . .		954.59
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston		510.00
Deposit in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. .		1,541.86
		<u>\$4,999.90</u>
Representing: —		
Amount of Endowment Fund		\$3,410.00
Balance of Current Account		1,589.90
		<u><u>\$4,999.90</u></u>

EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 6, 1892.

Examined and approved.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Auditor.*CHAUNCEY GILES, *President.*WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

NO. 13.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF
SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

THE Committee has to report that early in the year the information obtainable in regard to the manuscripts in the Library at Stockholm, and the probable cost of photolithographing them, was carefully collected—the former Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Mr. Benade, having courteously sent to us the estimates of the lithographers then in his hands. A summary of this information was printed in a circular, which invited subscriptions for the immediate publication of the manuscripts of the Diary and the first draft of the Arcana. A copy of this circular is appended to the report of the Committee to collect subscriptions.

Some correspondence was also had with friends in Stockholm as to the prosecution of the work when the necessary funds should be obtained.

The Committee to collect the funds, has from time to time informed us that very little money has been contributed. We have therefore not been able yet to go further in the work.

For the publication of the two works, it was estimated that the sum of twenty thousand dollars would be required. And the money formerly collected, amounting to about fifteen hundred dollars, was subscribed with the understanding that it was to be used for the reproduction of both these works, and that subscribers of the amount of \$150, or the cost of a set of the two works, should be entitled to receive a copy of them.

It is the opinion of the Committee that of the two works, the publication of the Diary is first in importance, on account of the imperfection of the printed copy. This is much the smaller work of the two, and could probably be reproduced at a cost of about six thousand dollars. Perhaps a third of the fifteen hundred dollars now on hand could fairly be appropriated to this use. But surely the six thousand dollars necessary for it ought not to be hard to raise for a purpose so important to the Church. The Committee therefore recommends that an earnest effort be made at the present meeting of the Convention to obtain the means necessary to begin this work at once.

It is intended to take all possible pains to obtain perfect photographic reproduction of the mss., not retouching the stone further than is necessary for the removal of stains and the writing of the reverse page so far as it shows through and interferes with the reading of the text. Any readings that may be plain in the original and not in the copy are to be noted in an appendix.

There is reason to expect the coöperation of the General Church of the Advent, of Pennsylvania; and some assistance is expected also from the New Church in England. But the Convention will need to do its utmost in order to secure this coöperation; and without such earnest effort the work cannot go on.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman.*

NO. 14. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE Association held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in the church of the Cincinnati Society, at the corner of Fourth and John Streets, on Friday, May 13, occupying, as usual, the entire day. The attendance was good, and the interest in all the meetings was marked and well sustained. The President's address, which contained two chapters of an elementary work on Correspondences, soon to be published as a Manual of the Association, was listened to with very great delight. A scholarly and thorough paper, upon the principles which should underlie a truly rational harmony of the four gospels was read during the afternoon, by the Rev. T. F. Wright, Ph.D., which made a profound impression upon all who heard it. The report of the Committee on Manuals showed that besides the work above named, the first of a series of Commentaries upon the several books of the Word was ready for publication. The Committee on Lessons reported a course of study of Bible History to cover the period of five years. Action was taken looking to the preparation of Lesson Helps which shall more generally meet the wants of the schools in all parts of the country than those heretofore published. Information was given the Association of the issue, early in September, of a new and attractive Sunday-School paper.

An interesting and well attended conference was held in the evening for the consideration of the increasing variety of helps to Sabbath-School work, and for receiving informal reports of what is being done in Mission Schools.

The Association would ask that the Convention allow the usual collection in behalf of its growing work to be taken during the service on Sunday evening.

WM. L. WORCESTER, *President.*

WILLIAM H. MAYHEW, *Secretary.*

No. 15. — REPORT OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NEW-CHURCH
YOUNG-PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

THE fifth Annual Conference of the League was held in the Sunday-School Room of the Cincinnati Society, on Saturday, May 14, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., with an excellent attendance, embracing delegates from twenty-one societies, and including many others, among whom the large number of young people was noticeable. Twenty-three societies presented reports, which were in the main encouraging. There is evident a strong desire on the part of the young people to take up new and higher work so soon as they are fitted for it ; in the meantime there seems to be a hopeful advance upon the old lines, and a disposition to make use, rather than mere pleasure, the end sought. Four new societies were admitted to the League, and four which have ceased to exist were stricken from the roll, our number still remaining at twenty-seven, with an estimated membership of upwards of a thousand.

The annual address, by Rev. George S. Wheeler, of Bridgewater, urged upon the societies the need of striving to take a more active and leading part in the great movements of the day outside the Church, for which our habits of thinking and acting for ourselves should especially fit us. The address was felt to be of much use, and will probably appear in the *Messenger* at an early date.

We notice with pleasure the increased interest which is manifested in our annual gatherings, and believe that it pictures something of the increasing interest which is felt by the Church in the welfare of her young people and their societies. The movement is one which we believe has in it, under the Divine Providence, great possibilities for use, and while its active management and direction should, and may safely, be left in the hands of the young people, yet we must ever look to the Church for the encouragement, the support, and the guidance which she alone can give.

Respectfully submitted.

EZRA HYDE ALDEN, *President.*

GEO. S. DODD, JR., *Secretary.*

Reports of Associations and Societies.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Berlin	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	134
Wellesley	Rev. F. W. Tuerk	32
Montreal	Rev. E. Gould	9
Total		175

THE Canada Association consists at present only of the Berlin, Wellesley, and Montreal Societies. The Toronto and Hamilton Societies, which separated themselves from the Association a year and a half ago, will, we have good reason to hope, soon be reunited with it again, and also will the newly organized Vancouver Society. The Parkdale Society (consisting of nineteen members), however, has resigned its membership of the Association and of the Convention for good.

The General Pastor of the Canada Association is the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Ont.

The Berlin Society, after the secessionists have been separated from it, and three of its families have moved to other places, — namely, one to Cincinnati, O.; one to Buffalo, N. Y.; and one to Toronto, Ont., — consists at present of one hundred and thirty-four members. The Wellesley Society, after the separation of the secessionists from that Society, has thirty-two members. The Montreal Society, which is in about the same condition as last year, has nine members. This makes the total membership of the Association at present one hundred and seventy-five.

The Pastor of the Berlin Society, Rev. F. W. Tuerk, has as heretofore divided his labors between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies. Divine worship was held in Berlin alternately — one Sunday in the English and the other Sunday in the German language. Three Sundays out of four were given to the Berlin, and the fourth Sunday to the Wellesley Society. On those Sundays when the Pastor was absent from Berlin, Brother W. Hendry, a member of the

Church council, conducted the service by reading a selected New-Church sermon.

In Berlin, the Pastor has solemnized two marriages, baptized two adult persons and nine children, administered the Holy Supper every three months, and officiated at two funerals, both of which were adult members of the Berlin Society.

After the day school of the Society had ceased to be, the Sunday school was resumed, and has made good progress. On Sunday afternoons the Pastor conducts a doctrinal class for studying the writings of the church, and after that a confirmation class. In September this class will be held every day in the week, except Saturdays. On Thursday evenings an educational class is held in the house of the Pastor, to prepare the teachers of the Sunday School for their work.

The Young-People's Society meets twice a month. On the first Monday they meet in private houses for recreation and singing, and on the third Monday they meet in the church for instruction in the doctrines by the Pastor, who is the president of it.

The Ladies' Aid Society meets twice a month, in private houses, to do some work for the benefit of the church. At their meetings the Pastor, who is the president of it, always tries to be present to give instruction on doctrinal and other matters.

After the deliverance of the disturbing element, the Berlin Society works in peace and harmony, and with more zeal than ever. Lately the Society had a new organ built by Warren & Son in Toronto, the cost of which was fifteen hundred dollars. It was dedicated for the use of Divine worship on the sixth of March. Professor Zoellner, our organist, has organized a new choir of twenty-two good vocalists. They have already made good progress, and promise to be soon the best in town.

The Wellesley Society has had Divine service every fourth Sunday. Nine children were baptized there, the Holy Supper was administered once, and one adult member of that Society died during the year.

The Canada Association will hold its annual meeting at Berlin, on the fourth Thursday in June next.

All of which is respectfully reported.

F. W. TUERK, *President.*

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Peoria	Rev. S. C. Eby	30
Canton	Rev. S. C. Eby	27
Chicago	Rev. L. P. Mercer	278
Henry	Rev. S. C. Eby	29
Batavia	Jos. Burton, <i>Leader</i>	14
Wilmington	Rev. L. G. Landenberger, <i>Visiting Min.</i>	18
Jefferson, Wis.	Geo. Copeland, <i>Leader</i>	13
La Porte, Ind.	Rev. T. F. Houts	54
St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. J. B. Parmelee	43
Olney	Rev. S. C. Eby	56
Joliet	Rev. L. G. Landenberger	16
Pontiac	John S. Saul, <i>Leader</i>	16
Englewood	Rev. A. J. Cleare	30
Aurora	Rev. A. J. Bartels	12
Hutton	J. S. Sargent, <i>Leader</i>	15
Pittsfield	Rev. A. J. Bartels	20
Flat Rock	A. W. Duncan	13
Individual Members		60
Total		744

IN addition to the above ministers, four others report to the Association, namely, Rev. J. H. Ragatz, who is not actively engaged in the work of the ministry; Rev. A. J. Bartels, who has been actively employed in the missionary work of the Association; Rev. Gerhard Busmann, who is Pastor of a flourishing German Society in St. Louis, not in connection with the Association; and Rev. Louis Rich, who has been working in Tennessee for the Board of Missions, and is now residing in Chicago, and hoping soon to be engaged in the active work of the ministry. The several Societies of the Association are believed to be in a healthy and prosperous condition, and it seems unnecessary to cumber the JOURNAL with details in no important respects different from former years. The Olney Society is still without a resident pastor, and the Rev. S. C. Eby has been preaching there two Sundays in the month since last November with the usual encouraging result. The Englewood Society is now housed in a suitable chapel and has secured the Rev. A. J. Cleare, formerly of Salem, Mass., as its pastor. Mr. Cleare was installed in October last and the little flock under his charge is showing a steady and healthy growth.

The St. Louis Society has sold its chapel on Lucas Avenue and purchased and settled in a fine location on the corner of Delmare Avenue and Cabane Street, in a beautiful stone chapel capable of seating about three hundred persons. The Society has been able to pay for the new property, all excepting six thousand dollars borrowed on the lot, which includes an unoccupied corner. They hope soon to discharge this amount and hold the entire property clear. The Society is prospering, the Sunday school increasing, and the young people active, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Parmelee.

The Rev. Mr. Bartels has been engaged regularly in the missionary work of the Association, and under his care a new society has been organized at Aurora, and the Society started last year in Pike County is about completing a new chapel.

Of the older Societies there is nothing new to report, though the Chicago Society is looking forward to important changes, and an increased activity in the work of church extension. The year has been in every way a prosperous one and the congregations larger than usual; but it is impossible to properly care for such an extensive field without more churches and more ministers. If the Society succeeds in leasing its very valuable central property, it will have ample income, supplemented by the offerings of the people, to secure both the needed buildings and ministerial service.

At the last meeting of the Association the following action was taken favoring the plan for a New-Church Building Association, referred by Convention last year to the Trustees of the Building Fund:—

“Resolved, That the Illinois Association of the New Jerusalem earnestly favors the early adoption of the Building Association plan proposed by William Bower, of Olney, Ill.

“That the delegates of this Association to the General Convention of the New-Church are hereby instructed to actively favor the adoption of this plan, and

“That the officers of this Association be requested to communicate the adoption of this resolution to the General Convention and to the State Associations of the New Church.”

We would call the attention of the Convention to the opportunity that will open to the church with the World's Columbian Exposition to make an exhibit of the literature of the New Church,

and ask that suitable action be taken by the Convention to provide such an exhibit. The officers of the Western New-Church Union have assurances of ample space in the department of liberal arts for such an exhibit, where it belongs, with the exhibit of the work of the religions and churches. We would suggest that such an exhibit should be made through coöperation of the General Convention, and the English Conference, and the several Publishing Societies and Book Rooms. Our idea has been that it should include the Photo-Lithographs, the original and other editions of Swedenborg's works, and a complete collection of collateral literature, bound and set out with a dignity befitting the New Church of the Lord—the whole signalized by the display of the copy or a *fac simile* of the copy of the *Summario Expositio*, found in Holland, with the inscription "*Hic Liber est Adventus Domini.*"

This matter is brought to the attention of the Convention that it may take such action as it sees fit to sanction, and provide such an exhibit as will testify, before the eyes of the hundreds of thousands who will pass through this department of the Exposition, the origin and mission of the New Church of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

L. P. MERCER, *President.*

L. G. LANDENBERGER, *Secretary.*

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bath	Rev. G. H. Dole	58
Fryeburg	Rev. B. N. Stone	66
Gardiner		4
Portland		127
Total		255

THE Gardiner Society held the usual summer services in the Universalist Church, or house of worship, last summer. A goodly number were in attendance at these services and the friends there are quite encouraged to continue to hold them every summer, as long at least as the present encouragement holds out. They will probably arrange for them the coming summer. Mrs. Swanton, now the most

active member of this small society, resides in Boston, or near in the vicinity, while her sons are getting their education at the School of Technology, or Harvard University, the most of the year, but returns in early summer to the old home in Gardiner, and remains there till autumn.

The Fryeburg Society remains nearly as reported last year. Mr. Stone modestly says: "Considering the peculiar difficulties of a small country society, the condition and progress of the New Church in Fryeburg is as satisfactory as could reasonably be expected." I visited the society last autumn and preached on the Sabbath, yet holding the office of General Pastor of the Maine Association, though I do not reside in the state of Maine, except for the summer season, and I found the Fryeburg Society a very pleasant and harmonious company of New-Church people. I always enjoy my annual visits there. Mr. Stone gave last winter a course of lectures to his people on "The Interesting Places of Gospel History."

The Bath Society has the last few weeks had the ministerial services of Rev. Geo. H. Dole, late from the Grand Rapids Society. Soon after his service commenced here, they engaged him for one year, and now they have given him a call to become permanent pastor, and he has accepted the call. He preaches with much acceptance to the people, and seems highly satisfactory to all.

In Portland there is no settled Pastor. Mr. Billings left Portland early last autumn to take charge of the Cleveland Society, and since that time Rev. W. B. Hayden has supplied as far as his health would allow, and Rev. J. B. Spiers most of the remainder of the time. He will probably supply the society for the year to come.

The Association has done a very considerable amount of missionary work the past year, more than for several years preceding. Rev. J. B. Spiers — last year in Savannah — has spent the whole year in missionary work in this state, residing a part of the time in Saco, and of late in Portland.

Mr. Spiers has been doing good and profitable work in holding evening class meetings in Saco, Biddeford, Cumberland Mills, etc., but preaching on Sundays, most of the time, in Portland and Bath. In this way we have been able to give him a support for most of the past year.

Mr. Spiers finds his most profitable missionary work in meeting evening classes for the discussion of the doctrines of the New Church. Many are ready to come to these meetings who are not

ready to leave their usual places of worship on Sunday for New-Church services. More or less colportage work will probably be done in the limits of the Association the coming year. Arrangement has already been made with a colporter the ensuing summer in some of the country towns. The field is ready for the sowing of the good seed. Though this Association is small in numbers, yet it is ready to engage in the active work of the dissemination of the new doctrines as far as it has the means and the men to do this work.

It has a small fund, the interest of which it can use, but most of the expenses of missionary work must be provided for by the contributions of the societies and friends of the New Church from year to year. The income has all been spent the past year, and what money could be raised by contributions, offerings, etc.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held in Portland early in October next, later then usual but more convenient for some of the people.

S. F. DIKE, *President.*

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Washington, D. C.	Rev. Frank Sewall	106
Wilmington, Del.	Rev. Philip B. Cabell	58
Baltimore, Md. (First Ger.)	Rev. Peter J. Faber	82
Easton, Md.	Rev. William M. McIntosh	14
Preston, Md.	Rev. John E. Smith	23
Individual Members		26
Total		309

THE Rev. Thos. A. King, Pastor of the Baltimore English Society, is a member of the Association, and is its Vice-President. The following are the regular mission stations at present maintained by the Association's Board of Missions: Richmond, Petersburg, Bedford City, Warminster (Nelson Co.) in Virginia; Easton, Preston, Williamsburg, and neighboring places in Maryland.

The Societies of the Association have maintained their usual activity during the past year, and no marked changes have to be recorded.

The Ministers' Conference has enjoyed two interesting and useful sessions, dividing the time of each between the work of the

Board of Missions and the discussion of pastoral and doctrinal subjects. Both sessions have closed with an evening mission-meeting, to which the public has been invited, and in which the relation of the New Church to the religious world has been distinctly set forth. At the October meeting, held in Washington, the subject of the "Relation of the New Church to Theosophy," was publicly presented. At the February meeting, held in Wilmington, besides a number of papers discussed in Conference, the question "What line of work is now most needed in the New Church?" was the topic of the public evening meeting. In accordance with the plans adopted by the Association, the mission work of the Association has been considerably extended, and the endeavor is now being made to carry on a steady systematized work in maintaining monthly mission visits at a circuit of stations in Virginia, as well as those on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. During the past year, besides the regular services maintained from May to January at Preston, Easton, Williamsburg, and other stations on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, by the Rev. John E. Smith, Missionary, there were delivered by him and the other pastors of the Association, in Virginia, thirty-seven public sermons and lectures, and eighteen parlor meetings were held, the places visited being Richmond, Petersburg, Hampton, Bedford City, Abingdon, Warminster (Nelson Co.), Virginia, and Salt Sulphur Springs, Monroe Co., West Va. The amount paid by the Association for its mission work was \$525, to this was added \$100 from the Warminster, Va., Fund, and the remainder of the salary of the missionary, the Rev. J. E. Smith, was made up by the Board of Missions of the General Convention.

This year by a change in the Constitution the former "Committee on Missions," is changed into a "Board of Missions," with a membership partially of laymen, to which is added an Auxiliary Committee on Finance, of five members, for raising funds throughout the Association.

The presence of the Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, the Secretary of the Convention's Board of Missions, at the meetings of the Association's Board of Missions in Wilmington, and his visits in Richmond, Abingdon, and Bedford City, Va., and his subsequent attendance at the meeting of the Association's Board held in Baltimore, April 2, where he made a report regarding the condition and

status of the church property in Abingdon, and gave important advice and much encouragement for the carrying on of the work undertaken by our Association, is gratefully recognized and will leave useful results.

The work now organized is a more extensive one than the Association would have been warranted in undertaking without the liberal assistance of the Convention's Board of Missions.

A movement in Washington, D. C., looking toward the establishment of a New-Church mission among the colored people of that city brings to notice a new field of usefulness into which it is thought the church could usefully enter with its advice and encouragement.

By a further change in the Constitution it is now provided regarding the membership of ministers that "All ministers of the New Church residing within the limits of the Association, who may from time to time be admitted by vote of the Association, shall be members of it."

An effort is now being made to establish Book Depositories, or Circulating Libraries, at several of the mission stations in Virginia; at Richmond one is already opened in a room set apart for this purpose and for holding the services of the small circle of worshippers now formed there. At Abingdon the church building has been put in repair and a library is about to be opened.

An event of unusual interest, not only to our Association, but to the New Church at large, was the celebration by the united English and German Societies in Baltimore, of the Centennial Anniversary of the first public preaching of the New-Church Doctrines in Baltimore, which occurred in the Court House of that city on the first day of April 1792. The anniversary meetings continued four days and embraced, on the evening of April 1, an appropriate religious service in the church on Calvert street conducted by the Rev. Thos. A. King, Pastor of the Baltimore English Society, and a centennial address by the Rev. Willard Hall Hinkley, a grandson of the Rev. John Hargrove, the first pastor of the Baltimore Society; on Saturday evening historical addresses, relating to the past history of the New Church in Baltimore and in Virginia, by Mr. E. O. Hinkley and the Rev. Philip B. Cabell, and an account of the growth of the German New Church in Baltimore, by the Rev. Peter J. Faber, the Pastor of the

German Society. On Sunday after interesting exercises in the Sunday School, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, the President of the Convention, preached a sermon on "The Day of the Lord," and administered the Holy Communion, and in the evening the Rev. Frank Sewall of Washington, delivered a lecture on "The Inspiration of the Word and Modern Criticism." On Monday evening a reception festival was held. The services and meetings were all held in the church on Calvert Street; the German Society rendered assistance in the choir and in the entertainment of visitors, and united in all the services. In response to a cordial invitation, sent by the Baltimore Societies, many friends attended from Washington, Wilmington, Preston, and elsewhere.

The anniversary addresses dwelt especially on the zealous efforts of Councillor Robert Carter of Nomony Hall, Westmoreland Co., Va., in establishing public worship in Baltimore, and having printed the Liturgy of 1792; the preaching of the Rev. James Jones Wilmer, formerly of Christ Church College, Oxford, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, in the Court House, and afterwards in Spesutia Chapel, Harford Co., whereby John Hargrove first became acquainted with the Heavenly Doctrines; the decline of the original society of twenty-two, under whose auspices the first public service was held, and the subsequent organization in 1798 of a society under the ministry of the Rev. Ralph Mather and the Rev. John Hargrove, of whom the former soon after resigned his pastorate and returned to England, leaving Mr. Hargrove the sole pastor in charge.

"This society then, of 1798, became, with its regularly ordained pastor, and orderly church organization, and civil incorporation under the Laws of the State of Maryland, the Mother Church." Together with the services of Robert Carter in the first establishing of the New Church in this country, was associated the memory also of James Glen, who is generally believed to have been the first one to bring the works of Swedenborg to this country; of the Rev. William Hill, ordained in the Established Church of England, the translator of the *Apocalypse Explained*; of Francis Bailey, the friend of Franklin, and State printer of Pennsylvania; of John Young, one of the State judges of Pennsylvania; of Arthur Campbell, of Abingdon, Va., of Revolutionary fame; and of

Thomas, Lord Fairfax, the friend and neighbor of Washington. (See Rev. W. H. Hinkley's Address.)

The Rev. Mr. Faber, in his account of the rise and growth of the German New-Church in this country, made mention especially of Christian Kramer, who, ten days after the Rev. James Wilmer's first sermon in the Baltimore Court House, wrote a letter to the Rev. Robert Hindmarsh, of London, England, giving an account of that event. A number of German names were on the Baltimore Society's subscription list of the year 1802, when funds were being raised for building a parsonage, and particularly important were the services, in introducing the German translations of Swedenborg's works into this country, of Mr. George Martin, grandfather of the Spamer family; of Mr. David Kreider; and of the Rev. Arthur O. Brickman, whose work as a zealous and powerful mission preacher, both in German and in English, is still well remembered throughout our country.

The Association has placed upon its records affectionate tributes to the memory of the Rev. John W. Hunt, of Baltimore; of Nathaniel F. Cabell, of Nelson Co., Virginia; and of Henry C. Spencer, the late President of the Washington Society, who have been called to the Spiritual World during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK SEWALL, *Presiding Minister.*

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, MINISTERS, OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Abington	Rev. J. E. Werren, <i>Pastor</i>	76
Boston	Rev. James Reed, <i>Pastor</i>	616
Boston Highlands	Rev. J. K. Smyth, <i>Pastor</i>	195
Bridgewater	Rev. G. S. Wheeler, <i>Pastor</i>	130
Brockton	Rev. H. E. Goddard, <i>Pastor</i>	112
Brookline	Rev. W. H. Hinkley, <i>Pastor</i>	58
Dorchester . . . . .	. . . . .	20
East Bridgewater	Rev. T. O. Paine, <i>Pastor</i>	51
Fall River	Rev. C. Lathbury, <i>Minister</i>	49
Lancaster	Rev. G. I. Ward, <i>Pastor</i>	40
Lynn . . . . .	. . . . .	24
Manchester, N. H.	Carl Roth, <i>Leader</i>	38
Mansfield	Rev. G. F. Stearns, <i>Minister</i>	29
Newtonville	Rev. John Worcester, <i>Pastor</i>	77
Pawtucket, R. I. . . . .	. . . . .	12
Providence, R. I.	Rev. H. C. Hay, <i>Pastor</i>	120
Salem	F. M. Billings, <i>Leader</i>	23
Springfield	J. W. Schafer, <i>Leader</i>	34
Waltham	Benj. Worcester, <i>Leader</i>	46
Yarmouth	Rev. W. H. Mayhew, <i>Pastor</i>	28
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	1778

IN addition to the ministers whose work is wholly or partly described above, our list includes Rev. Samuel M. Warren and Rev. H. W. Wright, who are engaged upon work for the Rotch edition, Rev. Theodore F. Wright, whose work is at Cambridge, Rev. Stephen Jepson, who is retired by reason of age, Rev. Warren Goddard, who is practising law, Rev. Richard Ward, who was obliged to give up work by reason of deafness, and Rev. John A. Hayes, missionary.

We have no new societies to report, but regular Sunday services are maintained at Cambridge and at Manchester, N. H., and we hope that societies will be the result. Our work at Manchester, where a society is already reported on the above list, means that that is a German organization, for which ministerial services are furnished at intervals, while our mission in the same city is for English speaking people, and is in charge of Rev. John A. Hayes.

Directly or indirectly about one third of our ministerial force does some missionary work, and thus meetings are held frequently, if not regularly, in Fitchburg, Lawrence, Worcester, Lowell,

Haverhill, Woburn, and occasionally in twenty other places; so that we have about as many places to be provided for with ministerial service as we have societies. Our Missionary Board of ten members, the General Pastor chairman, has the care of this work, holds monthly meetings, and expends about four thousand dollars annually in addition to the salary of the General Pastor. If what is expended by the Union in payment of employees at its rooms, and otherwise in carrying forward the uses of the Association, be counted, the whole annual expenditure is about ten thousand dollars.

The past year has been the first of the service of our present General Pastor. The importance of such an office among us is constantly and increasingly felt.

It may be mentioned that, during the year, the societies in Brockton and Providence have made large expenditures in improving their houses of worship, that the Boston Society has acquired a fine parlor in the Union building, that Boston Highlands has at some meetings been unable to accommodate all who came, that Abington has had an unusually popular series of lectures, and that the societies are in some ways working in two groups, of which one is about Boston and the other about Brockton.

The principal change of the past year has been the full transfer of the Association's headquarters in Boston from the former location to No. 16 Arlington Street. The old building had become so ill adapted to the purpose, that the Massachusetts New-Church Union, which is the secular arm of our Association, sold it for double the original cost and purchased a stone-front, corner building in the Back Bay district, with a broad street in front separating it from the Public Garden, the most beautiful small park in Boston. The new building represents an investment of about one hundred thousand dollars and is furnished with steam and an elevator. It is much enjoyed. In the basement is our printing office, which prints the *New-Jerusalem Magazine*, a number of books every year, and all the other work which is furnished to it by societies or individuals. The Union occupies the second floor with its office, library, and salesroom. The front room on the third floor is used by the Boston Society, by the ministers for their monthly meetings, and for other similar purposes. The remainder

of the building is rented for business purposes of a character proper to the neighborhood and ownership.

The Association continues to maintain the *New-Jerusalem Magazine*, in no sense as a mere organ, but as its contribution to the general work of the church. It publishes this periodical at some pecuniary loss, because of the very low subscription price, but considers such a publication so necessary to our cause that it proposes to improve it materially at an early day and asks in this effort for the coöperation of the ministers and other writers of the whole New-Church field. For its own use the Association publishes a monthly manual.

The General Pastor is about to issue a calendar for daily readings, and to publish notes for the readers.

The decease of the Rev. Samuel H. Worcester, ordained in 1851, removed our oldest minister from the list. His illness was severe, but it was borne with adequate meekness, and he has left as a fitting monument the noble volumes of the new Latin edition of Swedenborg.

As the societies in Salem and Lynn are about to be joined in the charge of a minister, we shall be well supplied as to the societies and the work for pastors, but we feel the need, in order to extend our work, of well equipped, patient ministers who will work in any field assigned them, and will build up the societies of which they may take charge, as was done in Boston by Rev. Thomas Worcester, in Roxbury by Rev. Abiel Silver, and elsewhere by others.

The Association appreciates the importance of the fact that the General Convention has located its Theological School within its territory, and is endeavoring to promote the work of the School. The New-Church people of Cambridge and their friends have already secured some funds for the purpose of building a church in connection with the School, for they believe that the maintenance of our worship in an adequate way and the active performance of the uses of a society by the side of the School, will enhance its usefulness to its own students and to those of the University, who come from all parts of this country and from other lands.

The Waltham School, for the education of children and youth of both sexes, has had another year of prosperity and is adding some thing yearly to its established reputation.

The above report has been approved by the Executive Committee and adopted as that of the Massachusetts Association.

JOHN WORCESTER, *General Pastor*,

THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS, LEADERS, OR SECRETARY.	NO. MEMBERS.
Detroit	Rev. A. F. Frost, <i>Pastor</i>	82
Almont	J. R. Hamilton, <i>Leader</i>	24
Grand Rapids	Geo. W. Thayer, <i>Secretary</i>	18
Springdale	B. J. Stanley, <i>Leader</i>	22
Leland	Rev. G. N. Smith, <i>Minister</i>	18
Total		164
Isolated members and receivers, about		200

THE work in this Association is still going on, although some changes have taken place since our last report. The Rev. G. N. Smith, missionary of the Association, who was located at Northport, has removed to Grand Rapids. As a consequence the field of missionary operations will be somewhat changed and enlarged.

While it is not the purpose of the Mission Board to abandon entirely the field in northern Michigan in which most of Mr. Smith's time has been spent, less work will be done there and more in the south and west—in the vicinity of Grand Rapids, Little Prairie Ronde, Belmont, Moline, Decatur, Kalamazoo, and other places. By this change Mr. Smith will be nearer the centre of his work and much more conveniently situated every way.

The Grand Rapids Society has been without a pastor for some time, the Rev. Mr. Dole having accepted a call from the Bath, Me., Society. The Rev. Louis Rich preached several sabbaths for the Grand Rapids brethren, but will not remain permanently with them.

At Almont, services were discontinued during the winter months on account of poor attendance. Death and removals have so reduced our numbers that it is difficult to maintain regular services.

The Detroit Society continues to prosper under the ministration of the Rev. A. F. Frost. Their library has been greatly enlarged during the past year, and many improvements have been made in their house of worship.

J. R. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Minneapolis	Rev. J. S. David	50
St. Paul	Rev. E. C. Mitchell	42
Kimball		9
Total		101

WITHIN the bounds of our Association, the usual church work has been carried on. A marked feature of the year was the organization of a new society of the New Church, at Kimball, Minn., a small farming village. We have had a very unusual experience in the illness of the pastor of the St. Paul Society who, about Christmas time, suffered an attack of the "grippe." An arrangement was made with the pastor and members of the Minneapolis Society, by which the Rev. J. S. David, of Minneapolis, took Mr. Mitchell's place in St. Paul, temporarily, for the Sunday morning service, and conducted service in Minneapolis on Sunday afternoons. In this satisfactory way, the church work has been maintained in both cities.

In Minneapolis (Rev. Joseph S. David, pastor) the average attendance at Sunday service has been thirty-seven; at Sunday School, twenty-five; at the Holy Supper, twenty-seven. Five new members have been received into the society and two members have removed their membership and residence to other localities. The present membership numbers fifty, of whom eight are non-residents. The pastor has officiated at five baptisms, one marriage, and three funerals.

In St. Paul (Rev. E. C. Mitchell, pastor,) the average attendance at Sunday morning service has been forty-five; at Sunday evening service (before the illness of the pastor), thirty-five; at Sunday School, twenty-five; at the Holy Supper, thirty-one. The present membership is forty-two, of whom fourteen are non-residents. Mr. Mitchell has officiated at one baptism, one confirmation, one marriage, and three funerals.

Rev. Mr. David, as missionary of the Association, has delivered thirty-one lectures, as follows: eleven at Kimball, one near Kimball, seven at Kingston, three at Fair Haven, one at Maine Prairie, six at Garden Valley, and two at Pleasant Grove. On July 20, Mr. David organized a New-Church Society at Kimball, with a membership of nine; and soon after he established there a New-Church library.

The members meet as often as practicable, to read the writings of the church, and sermons.

In January, Mr. David organized a reading circle at Garden Valley, meeting weekly for the study of the doctrines of the New Church.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Association was held in St. Paul, on Oct. 23. Sixty-five were present—thirty-three from St. Paul, thirty from Minneapolis, one from Granite Falls, and one from Denver, Colorado.

The annual address of the President, Rev. E. C. Mitchell, was on "The Position and Work of the New Church." The same officers were reelected. The meeting was pleasant and useful. In the evening all enjoyed a social meeting and tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cutler. Eighty-nine were present, some of whom were not of the New Church, but were friendly and somewhat interested.

In behalf of the Minnesota Association.

EDWARD C. MITCHELL, *President.*

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	Rev. S. S. Seward, <i>Pastor</i>	217
Brooklyn	Rev. J. C. Ager, <i>Pastor</i>	171
Hoboken	Mr. E. Ferrett, <i>Leader</i>	5
Orange	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	73
Newark	Rev. C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	44
Mount Vernon	Dr. S. Close, <i>Leader</i>	—
New York (German)	Rev. W. H. Schliffer, <i>Pastor</i>	30
Paterson	Rev. B. D. Palmer, <i>Pastor</i>	—
Riverhead	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	55
Brooklyn (German)	Rev. Wm. Diehl, <i>Pastor</i>	36
Newark (German)	Rev. J. C. Menschner, <i>Pastor</i>	25
Hempstead	Rev. M. J. Callan, <i>Minister</i>	9
Elizabeth	Mr. A. J. Auchterlonie, <i>Leader</i>	15
Total		680

THE statistics given in this report are taken from the Journal of the Annual Meeting on the twenty-second of February last. The additions to our Societies are greater in the Spring, in connection with our Easter services, than at any other time. The reports

upon which the statistics given above are based do not show the latest results of the year's work, and it may be that if they were to be made out after the Easter meetings the numbers would be considerably increased. Such changes, however, will appear in our next report.

Two changes of some importance have been made in our ministerial force. The Rev. Oliver Dyer, who has resided so long at Mount Vernon, has given up his editorial work in New York, and retired to Narragansett Pier, R. I., to spend the rest of his days in literary pursuits. He has not, however, been able to take an active part in church work for some years past. The Rev. M. J. Callan has come to us from Salem and Lynn, Mass., to take charge of the circuit recently established on Long Island.

The year has been one of quiet but steady, and on the whole successful, work among our Societies. New York reports an unusual influx of new people last Autumn, which has given new and stronger impetus to all forms of church work, and will add sensibly to her numbers. The most marked feature of the report of the Brooklyn Society is the suspension of the missionary efforts that have been put forth for some years past, and substituting in place of such efforts the systematic distribution of tracts, and the formation of doctrinal classes. The Society has no less than five such classes in operation, including three in connection with the Sunday School. The meetings of the Hoboken Society have not been so regular the past year as usual, owing to the failing strength of its faithful and efficient leader, but its affection for the church is testified by its large contribution to the deficiency fund of the Board of Publication. The Orange Society, besides exhibiting its usual activity and steady progress, has reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of the settlement of its beloved Pastor; while the Newark Society has not only carried on its usual work, but improved and decorated its place of worship. The smaller societies all send in favorable statements of their condition. Paterson has suffered not a little from the removal of members, owing to the unsatisfactory state of business in that city; Elizabeth is moving forward quietly and steadily; the Brooklyn and New York and other German Societies are manifesting their former interest, while a circuit, to which reference has been made in our last report, has been established on Long Island, under the care of Rev. M. J.

Callan, from which we hope for good things. Mr. Callan spends half his Sundays at Riverhead, and divides the other half between Hempstead and Bay Shore. The reports indicate that the arrangement has been entered into by all concerned with great cordiality, and it seems a happy solution of the problem that last year faced us on Long Island. The Rev. W. H. Barstow still carries on his colporteur work on the Island, and renders material assistance to Mr. Callan.

No special missionary work, other than that mentioned in connection with the Long-Island Circuit, has been done during the past year. The tour of the Presiding Minister through the central and northern parts of the State last Spring resulted, however, in an earnest attempt to establish a circuit, similar to that on Long Island, in that large but hitherto almost uncultivated field. Though the effort failed, for reasons that were sufficient for the time, not a little interest was elicited; and we feel encouraged to believe that if at any time the right man could be found to take hold of the work, it could be carried through without doubt. It would require a man of experience and efficiency, and not afraid either of the day of small things or of hard, pioneer work; but with these qualifications we think that no more stimulating field could be found in which to serve the Lord and the Church. The Association would be glad to coöperate with such an enterprise.

At the last meeting of the Association the following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the delegates of this Association to the General Convention be instructed to invite that body and the Council of Ministers to meet within the bounds of the Association in 1893.”

In the usual course it will be our privilege to entertain the Convention next year, and unless there is some good reason why we should give way to other claims, we hope the invitation thus extended may be accepted.

On behalf of the Association.

S. S. SEWARD, *Presiding Minister.*

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PASTORS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	Rev. John Goddard	263
Cleveland	Rev. Percy Billings	81
East Rockport	Rev. Percy Billings	32
Glendale		43
Indianapolis	Rev. E. D. Daniels	16
Napoleon	J. C. Saur	9
Pomeroy and Middleport,	Rev. E. D. Daniels	43
Richmond, Ind.		12
Toledo	{ Rev. E. D. Daniels } { Thos. H. Woodruff }	30
Urbana	Chas. B. Chace	32
Individual members		6
Total		567

THE ministers of the Association are the same as reported last year, excepting that the Rev. Percy Billings has been engaged by the societies at Cleveland and East Rockport. Rev. H. H. Grant, although still residing at Glendale, is no longer acting as pastor of that Society. Rev. E. A. Beaman, through the weight of years, is not able to be as active as formerly in the mission work. Rev. E. D. Daniels continues his faithful labors as the Missionary of the Association, spending most of his time in regular circuit work.

Our list of members, although not a true index of our condition, owing to a different method of reckoning membership than formerly prevailed, still exhibits our lack of pastoral care. We are in serious need of ministers. Not only does there seem to be a scarcity of suitable men to be employed, but there is a scarcity of means to support them. If our Association possessed an ample endowment fund as a balance wheel, to help small Societies in their support of ministers, and to enable the circuit work to be extended and missionary work to be done in new places, our borders would grow, the small Societies would be kept alive, and new interest would be created. Our experience seems to show that it is impossible to reach permanent results in the building up of an organization in the West, without a strong, financial basis to the various Associations.

The New-Church public has learned, through the *Messenger*, of the verdict of the jury in the matter of the contest of the will of

the late Mrs. Mary Allen of Glendale, which sets the will aside on the ground of mental unsoundness. Since those who knew Mrs. Allen are well aware of the utter injustice of the verdict, and the weight of evidence in the trial clearly proved it, we still have good hope for a new trial, and for a reversal of the verdict, which was gained by the appeal to prejudice against Swedenborg, which was made one of the chief appeals of the plaintiff's council. The statement was made in the closing argument that Swedenborg's insanity was a fact as historical as that of Napoleon crossing the Alps. Ought not an adequate and exhaustive reply to the theory of Swedenborg's unsoundness, and especially to Dr. Maudsley's essay on Swedenborg, to be prepared so as to be used in such emergencies, as well as to educate the public mind?

The Urbana University is still doing good service in the way of education although its patronage is more limited to the neighborhood than formerly. The number of pupils is larger than last year, being about eighty in all grades, and thorough work is being done. It is to be regretted that Prof. Moses finds it necessary to resign the presidency of the institution, and no one has yet been found to take his place.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GODDARD, *President.*

PACIFIC-COAST ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
San Francisco (First Soc.)	Rev. Jno. Doughty	124
San Francisco (Soc. of N. J.)	Rev. Jos. Worcester	56
San Diego, Cal.	Rev. D. V. Bowen	20
Riverside, Cal.	Rev. B. Edmiston	30
Oakland, Cal. (First Soc.)	Lucian Putnam	16
Oakland, Cal. (N. C. Ass'n.)	A. A. Webber	19
Ballston, Or.	Isaac Ball	15
Portland, Or.	H. Thielsen	38
Alameda, Cal.	F. H. Dewey	22
Ontario, Cal. . . . .	. . . . .	10
Los Angeles, Cal.	Rev. G. W. Savory	28
San José, Cal.	Rev. D. A. Dryden	26
Individual members		18
Total		422

There are two ministers, members of the Association, not included in the above list, viz., Rev. James E. Mills, of Quincy, Cal., who, although engaged in secular pursuits, officiates occasionally when his assistance is requested by his brother ministers, and Rev. John T. V. Croy of Perris, San Diego Co., Cal., who also is at present engaged in secular pursuits, but officiates when opportunity offers and conducts the Bible Class of a Union Sunday School near Perris.

The Rev. Geo. W. Savory has, during the last year, been added to our ministerial force. Formerly a minister of the Congregational Church located near Los Angeles, he became a receiver of the Heavenly Doctrines, spent one year at the N. C. Theological School at Cambridge, and has now located at his old home, Los Angeles, in the active work of the church. He was ordained into the New-Church ministry at the request of the Los Angeles Society, and in accordance with a vote of the Pacific Coast New-Church Association, and in the presence of that body, on Nov. 1st, 1891, by the president of the Association. We respectfully request that his name be placed on the list of pastors and ministers of the General Convention.

Since the last meeting of the Convention no notable events have occurred among the societies of the Association, unless it be the fact that the First San Francisco Society has finished and entered upon the occupancy of their pleasant and commodious new House of Worship on O'Farrell Street, between Webster and Fillmore Streets,

together with a parsonage adjoining for the use of the pastor. The other societies are, mostly, in an active, healthy, and prosperous condition. For this, much credit is due to the Board of Missions of the Convention for their timely assistance, which has enabled several of the smaller societies in promising localities to maintain regular ministerial services.

The outlook for the upbuilding of the New Church on this coast is promising. While we do not look for any sudden or startling developments, yet, in the harmony and earnestness of our people, and in the freedom of thought which, to a large extent, pervades the public mind, we are justified in anticipating a quiet, gradual, healthy, and certain growth.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

JNO. DOUGHTY, *President.*

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Frankford Society	Rev. J. W. MacPherson	83
Free New Church of Alle-		
gheny and Pittsburgh . .	Prof. Frank W. Very, <i>Leader</i>	16
No. Philadelphia Society .	Rev. Louis H. Tafel	66
Philadelphia First Soc.	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> { Rev. Chauncey Giles Rev. Wm. L. Worcester, <i>Assistant</i> Rev. Wm. H. Alden " </div> </div>	395
Vineland Society	Rev. Adolph Roeder	66
Allentown Society	Mrs. Charles Saeger, <i>Reader</i>	20
Lancaster Society		18
Total		664

It is very gratifying to be able to report an increase in the membership of all the Societies composing the Pennsylvania Association, with but a single exception, and a total gain of fifty-three members. There seems to be an earnest and well-sustained interest in the various Societies of the Association, as well also in the Sunday Schools, the Young-People's Societies, and other auxiliary bodies connected therewith.

The missionary work possible for our ministers to accomplish has been quite limited owing to the constant demand upon them

by their regular duties, but whatever they could do in this direction has been done with fidelity and devotion. It is hoped the way may presently open for more effective and continuous missionary effort by the employment of a minister the whole or at least a part of his time.

Monthly services have been maintained at Lancaster, Allentown, and Bethlehem, and for four months, namely, from October to February, the ministers of the Philadelphia First Society maintained an afternoon service at Germantown every Sunday.

Since the last annual meeting of the Convention an earnest and faithful laborer in the church, and a devoted member of this Association, the Rev. Dr. Emory Rounds Tuller, has been removed to the spiritual world. At the fourth annual meeting of the Association, held four weeks ago in the house of worship of the Vineland Society, an affectionate minute presented by Mr. Roeder was adopted and appropriate remarks made in memory of his useful life and valuable services in the Lord's New Church.

As already stated, fifty-three new members have been added to the Association's roll during the year; fourteen marriages have been solemnized by our ministers, and they have officiated at forty-eight funerals. There have been twelve confirmations and fifty-one baptisms. Five hundred and fifty-six are attending our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD A. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

NUMBER of members seventy-five.

Since the last Convention we have held our usual three meetings, two at the Park Church Chapel in Hartford, and one at the Church of The Redeemer in New Haven. There has been a good attendance, and new comers manifest a strong interest. There is a social element in the meetings which is especially gratifying, all the friends being so glad to see each other.

At the annual meeting Mr. Henry G. Thompson, our President, was in the chair, Mr. E. B. Everitt acting as Secretary, Mr. Maserick being unavoidably absent. The old board of officers was elected, namely :

Henry G. Thompson, President; Geo. W. Bancroft, Treasurer; A. Maserick, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. Geo. O. Sawyer, Corresponding Secretary; E. B. Everitt, Geo. O. Sawyer, and P. P. Woolworth, Executive Committee. Mr. P. P. Woolworth was elected delegate to Convention, to be holden at Cincinnati.

We had the services of Rev. Mr. Wright at our November meeting, and Rev. Mr. Smyth officiated at the other two. Both ministrations were exceedingly enjoyed. To those people who enjoy such blessings every Sunday, such feasts as we experience are almost inconceivable.

Mr. Thompson stated at the annual meeting that there had been distributed more than eleven thousand volumes of the "Science of Correspondences" by Madeley, and the work is still going on. Letters received by Mr. Thompson from the recipients of the work, manifest deep interest in the writings.

One of our number, Mr. Henry May, of Bridgeport, has passed into the other life during the last year. We wish we might be more in number, but we do not visibly increase. The few of us who are interested are united, and anxious to do all that is possible for the spread of the Heavenly Doctrines, and we "Bide our time," and as dear Mr. Giles says, "Do the best we can."

There are about one hundred receivers in the State, and perhaps twenty-five are members of some society of the church.

There were three baptisms at our meeting in New Haven, May 10.

IONE A. P. SAWYER, *Cor. Secretary.*

DENVER SOCIETY.

REV. HOWARD C. DUNHAM, Pastor. Number of members, thirty-one.

Since June of last year, our Society has been worshipping in the new chapel, which, at the time of our last report, was near completion. Its dedication in June seemed to infuse a new life into the Society.

The attendance at morning service has largely increased, and a deeper interest has been manifested in the Sunday School.

Four adult members have been added to the Society during the past year, and since we have been able, in a quiet way, to take a place among the churches of the city, a very kindly spirit has been manifested toward us by the general public.

Our pastor, the Rev. H. C. Dunham, has recently begun a series of evening lectures on the distinctive doctrines of the New Church, to which, thus far, a very encouraging audience has listened.

We expect, during the present summer, to diminish our church debt by at least one third.

The Denver Society cordially acknowledges its debt of gratitude to the friends who so generously helped us to attain the encouraging position we now feel ourselves to hold, and from which we hope we may be of greater service in performing the uses of the church.

The following are the official acts of the pastor, namely: four baptisms, three confirmations, three funerals, and one marriage.

MRS. R. G. SEYMOUR, *Secretary.*

GENERAL SOCIETY IN IOWA.

NUMBER of members one hundred.

The third annual meeting of the General Society in Iowa was held at Lenox, Sept. 9 and 10, 1891.

On Sunday the Lord's Supper was administered to about forty communicants.

The Society agreed to employ Licentiate Wm. H. Adkins for missionary at Ferguson and other places in the vicinity. He has so far been quite successful in his labors at Ferguson and other places.

The Rev. Stephen Wood, during the year, continued his labors monthly at Lost Nation, Lenox, and Nashville, with some necessary interruptions—attendance from thirty to sixty. He has also visited most of the places in the State where there are one or more receivers. He has baptized seven children, officiated at five marriages, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper four times, and attended four funerals.

The Rev. J. J. Lehnert has continued his labors at Fremont once in two weeks when at home, and at Lenox once in two weeks when at home.

He has visited Burlington, West Burlington, and several other places in the South-eastern part of the State. He has also visited the German receivers in Chicago and Milwaukee. He has administered the Lord's Supper at home and abroad five times and baptized five children.

The Society at Des Moines has continued its Sunday meetings and is gaining some in numbers.

STEPHEN WOOD, *President.*

MILWAUKEE SOCIETY.

NUMBER of members, eighteen.

The First New-Church Society of Milwaukee, Wis., has little of interest to report to the General Convention; it is inactive and regretfully inefficient, but still maintains its organization. Its nominal roll of members is eighteen, of various nationalities, and widely scattered in different parts of the city and neighboring country. Its President has poor health and is usually absent winter and spring. It has a "Building Fund" of \$1600 at interest, well secured. Holds no meetings, public or private, and therefore has no social life. It keeps open to the public a New-Church Free Library and has the writings of the church for sale. Distributes several hundred tracts each year, and several books and booklets are sent to clergymen and others whom the writer believes are more or less interested in the Heavenly Doctrines. Though so unworthy, the Society hopes to continue its connection with the General Convention. Possibly, in the Lord's good providence, our Society is "but waiting through the wintry hours, the coming of the May." I enclose a post-office order for five dollars for the use of the General Convention.

E. R. PERSONS, *President*.

SAVANNAH SOCIETY.

NUMBER of members, thirty.

We have little to report to the Convention, as usual. We failed to secure the services of a pastor last fall, but have had lay services, since Oct. 1, every Sunday. The attendance at such services has been very small. Our Sunday school has kept up pretty well, although not quite so prosperous as a year or two ago.

We had a very pleasant Christmas for the children at the home of Miss Parsons, and also Easter services at the chapel. We have had one baptism, and the Holy Supper has been administered once. There have been a few sociables during the winter.

We thoroughly enjoyed a visit of a few days from the Rev. J. E. Smith, and one of a month from the Rev. W. H. Hinkley. Their preaching was especially appreciated on account of the change from lay services.

We have to report a little addition to our numbers. An elderly lady, and her son and daughter, members of the Edinburgh New-Church Society of Scotland, came here to reside in September last. A Mr. Hammond, formerly of Philadelphia, also joined us this spring, and expects his mother and sister in the fall.

We came into possession this spring of some railroad stock, of the face value of \$8,900, bequeathed us by the late Miss Elizabeth Church, which we wish to have the Convention hold as Trustee, in order that the principal may remain intact, and our Society have the use of the income. As soon as we can arrange the details and transfer the securities, will bring it up in a formal way before you. The executor of this property, Dr. R. J. Nunn, expects to start a Trust Fund with the Convention, of \$500, one half of the income of same to be used for the benefit of our Society, the other half to revert to the body of the fund each year, thereby making a constantly increasing Trust Fund.

We have lately improved our church lot by having water put in, the lot levelled off and grass planted, the flower beds fixed up, and the shrubbery trimmed, improving the appearance very much.

We are more than ever satisfied that we should have a resident Pastor in Savannah, and hope the Convention will be able to help us to get one. We do not want one for a year or two, but one who will stay four or five years at least, and grow up with us, for it takes time here to become acquainted, and several years of work, in order to see whether anything has been accomplished or not. Lay services, with occasional missionary visits, have been proven by the experience of the past fifteen years a complete failure in building up a Society here. We have a pretty chapel, beautifully located, some money, a fair congregation, a good Sunday school of about twenty, a good library, and many reading and interested in the New Church, and we lack only a permanent pastor. It seems to us that with the faithful services of such a pastor, the Board of Missions could accomplish a great deal in this field, and we earnestly ask their kind consideration of our case.

F. W. RICH, *Secretary.*

T. S. HEYWARD, *President.*

GENERAL SOCIETY IN TEXAS.

NUMBER of members, eighty-four.

Our General Society is a recent organization, and can hardly be said to be yet in perfect shape.

The annual meeting was held the 1st and 2d of May, the minutes of which have been laid before the Convention.

A large number of letters were received, and a larger disposition to contribute for the support of a Missionary in the interior was shown. But the attendance from beyond Galveston inland was very meagre.

There is but one Society of the church in the State — Galveston. It has thirty-five members; the congregations are increasing, and the prospect of growth is good.

At Seguin, Guadalupe Co., there are seventeen members of the church, not yet organized into a society. In Milam Co. (at and near Milano Junction), there are about as many, similarly situated; and at Pearsall twelve or fifteen. At these points societies will be formed at an early day, if they can have occasional regular visits of a minister.

At Austin, Stephenville, and Itaska, there are not so many; but there are places where we may expect societies at no distant day.

To carry on the work in the state a minister is needed permanently at Galveston, and a missionary for at least one half the time in the interior.

The General Society has at present two ministers, both dependent for a part of their support on the Board of Missions: Mr. Fox at Galveston, and Mr. Higgins at present residing at Cameron, La.

Respectfully submitted.

JABEZ FOX, *President.*

TOPEKA SOCIETY.

REV. GUSTAVE REICHE, Pastor. Number of members, thirty-one.

The Topeka Society of the New Jerusalem has, during the past year, gained five new members, and lost two by removal, making a net increase of three over the previous year; our present membership is thirty-one.

The Communion is administered regularly every three months, about twenty-five communicants participating.

The pastor, Rev. Gustave Reiche, during the year administered the Sacrament of Baptism to four adults in this Society, and the Rite of Confirmation to one who had been baptized in infancy. In the absence of the pastor, upon his missionary labors through the State, the services are conducted by one of the lay members.

The Sunday school meets regularly every Sunday immediately after the morning service, which is the only one held. The pastor instructs the adult class.

The Topeka Society has a fine property upon the corner of Topeka and Sixth Avenues, in the heart of the city. The chapel and parsonage are commodious, comfortable buildings, and well adapted to the wants of the Society, but there is an incumbrance upon the property that occasions some uneasiness to the members, notwithstanding our belief in Swedenborg's maxim, "The Lord will provide."

J. D. NORTON, *Secretary pro tem.*

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. Chauncey Giles, General Pastor.

MAY 24, 1891, by request of the Massachusetts Association and with the sanction of the General Convention, I invested the Rev. John Worcester with the office of General Pastor.

At the same date I ordained John W. MacPherson, at the request of the Frankford Society of the New Church and with the sanction of the General Convention.

I also renewed the license of William H. Adkins for one year from Oct. 1, 1891.

Report of Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor.

ON Sept. 15, 1891, at the request of the Illinois Association, I authorized Andrew W. Duncan, of Flat Rock, Ill., to perform the functions designated in Art. V., Sect. 1 of the Constitution of the Convention, for one year.

ON Nov. 12, 1891, I renewed the authorization of G. W. Wiley.

ON April 28, 1892, on the advice of the President of the Illinois Association, Rev. W. T. Haley, of Peoria, Ill., formerly a minister of the "Christian" body, was authorized to preach for one year.

Report of Rev. John Worcester, General Pastor.

AN account of my general work is contained in the report of the Massachusetts Association. As an officer of the Convention, on the first day of June, 1891, I authorized as candidates for the ministry of the New Church, Lewis F. Hite, Clarence Lathbury, Frederick M. Billings, John W. Schafer, and Christian H. Fleming, and renewed the authorization of Benjamin Worcester.

JULY 5, I installed Henry Clinton Hay as Pastor of the Providence Society.

OCT. 1, I renewed the authorization of Addison F. Lyman.

Oct. 21, I installed Gardner I. Ward as Pastor of the Lancaster Society.

April 7, with the sanction of the Massachusetts Association, I ordained as ministers of the New Church, Clarence Lathbury and Christian Hansen Flemming.

May 7, I authorized Thaddeus W. Harris as a candidate for the ministry of the New Church.

Report of Rev. S. S. Seward, General Pastor.

I HAVE to report that with the consent and approval of the Council of Ministers of the Association, I have renewed the authorization of Dr. Francis T. Alba, of Bradley Beach, N. J., to teach and preach the doctrines of the New Church, and to officiate at funerals for one year beginning on the twenty-second of February last.

Report of Rev. Gerhard Busmann.

I BEG leave briefly to report that during the past convention year I have been wholly engaged in the duties of the ministry of the New Church. I am still employed as pastor of the First German Society of the New Church in St. Louis. I have preached for them every Sunday with few exceptions—when I visited other places. I have baptized nine persons and confirmed four; have administered the Lord's Supper three times in St. Louis and once in Gruetli, Tennessee; I have officiated at five funerals, one of which was in Iowa. I have made two missionary visits to Quincy, Ill., and one to Gruetli, Tennessee, with good results.

The First German Society, of which I am pastor, has one hundred and thirty-five communicants. Our Sunday school averages an attendance of one hundred and twenty-nine scholars and seventeen teachers. Our Society raised and spent the sum of \$1000 for frescoing and other repairs of the Church.

Report of Rev. John I. Herrick.

I AM again obliged to report continued ill-health and inactivity. This has been substantially my report for many years. I now desire to say something more, something in explanation of my course since I was licensed by the Illinois Association. I now think the step was ill-advised, for I was not then properly prepared for that step, and the effort to fit myself for the duties of a licensed or ordained minister forced me to make efforts which extended through many years, and materially assisted in ruining my health, without enabling me to succeed in my efforts.

At the time I was licensed I set myself the task of discharging the duties pertaining to any position I occupied, and in the leisure that could be forced out of the spare time, prepare myself for the duties of minister. In mature years, and after due consideration of the matter, I was ordained a minister of the New Church. I pretended to regard myself consecrated to the life and duties implied by the act of ordination. And the pretense was a reality to me, and I never felt otherwise. And while preaching as licentiate and ordained minister of the New Church, Chaplain in the army during the war of the rebellion, in the inactivity following exposure in the military service, or while engaged in ordinary secular pursuits, or while studying for the medical profession or in the practice of that profession, in all those years I used the leisure I could obtain in the manner originally determined upon. Before being licensed, I had been a frequent reader of the writings of the New Church, but it was desultory reading, and soon after I engaged in the systematic study of Swedenborg's writings. Being without the advice of a competent guide, I found myself upon a vast sea without compass or chart; as a consequence, instead of being enlightened, I was confused by what was unfolded to my view.

And soon, real friends, namely, Dr. Hibbard thought I was spiritualizing away Swedenborg's teaching, and Dr. Burnham flatly told me I was not a New-Churchman. Under the circumstances, as I intended to be faithful to the truth, I was a most inefficient teacher and it was not until I had given two years to the study of Swedenborg's writings as outlined by Tulk in his *Spiritual Christianity* that I had any grasp of the subject. In the army I was associated with other clergyman, unasked by myself, I was detached from my regiment, detailed, with other appointments, Hospital Chaplain and Post Chaplain, and ap-

peared to interest my hearers as much as the average of chaplains, and my coöperation with other chaplains sought for by them, and I confess I thought I might estimate I would become a useful minister, so when I returned north continued my course of study. I now see I erred that I did not associate myself by correspondence with the organization of the Church, but I felt a little sore by Dr. Hibbard's and Dr. Burnham's judgments and concluded I would learn to walk alone, and then present myself for trial. Loss of voice, from exposure in the army, disabled me for a time, and poverty compelled me to turn to secular pursuits, and the same condition compelled me to sometimes take employments not agreeable to my taste. Finally, broken down in health, I saw no prospect of success in my hopes, and I had no reports to offer. I did not think I was selfish in my plans, hopes, and efforts; but the past few months has brought me, I hope, a useful view of my spiritual state, for now I see my life long has been governed by principles and desires I most sincerely bemoan.

With sincere prayers that the future of the New Church may be crowned with evidence of the divine favor.

Report of Rev. C. Louis Carriere.

SINCE my last report to the General Convention I have served the Second German Congregation of the New Church in St. Louis, Mo.; conducted divine worship every sabbath, with the exception of about six weeks, when our House of Worship was under repair. I administered the Sacrament of the Holy Supper, four times; baptized forty-two children; confirmed, seven persons; solemnized eight marriages; and officiated at twenty-two funerals.

Report of Rev. George W. Chase.

CAN only report that I have given and loaned, in person and by mail, much New-Church literature to ministers and others. Have kept up steadily our family Sunday School. I wish that my teaching permitted me to do more.

Report of Rev. S. H. Spencer.

BESIDES my editorial work on the *New Christianity*, I met the free New-Church Society of Allegheny, and preached for them in their hall, on the last Sunday of last October.

Report of Rev. Joseph A. Lamb.

IN the year 1890, I took a new departure. I visited my scattered parishoners, and, to the number of thirty-five or more, they said upon a paper they would give me their sympathy and material aid to enable me to devote my entire time to New-Church uses.

I have held socials and readings, and preached a few times in private houses. I have sold books and especially my printed sermons on the "Advent of the Lord," the two latest of which are enclosed.

Report of Rev. W. A. L. Campbell.

I AM still here (Galveston), engaged as a teacher in the public schools of the city. I have done little or no preaching during the past year, but have done some missionary work in going among the parents of my children, and in bringing a knowledge of the writings to one or two of the clergy.

I am unable to say much concerning the hope of my going to the West Indies, except I can get some one in the church to assist my efforts. The Board of Missions, as you know, do not consider themselves justified in prosecuting the field at its present stage. My brother's affairs in Mexico, from whom I hoped to receive aid in prospecting the field, show little signs of realizing any means for the next three years.

I am ready to follow where the Master leads, but so far have failed to discern His leading in that direction.

With my prayers for harmony and order in your workings and deliberations.

Report of Rev. O. L. Barler.

SINCE my last report I have not been regularly engaged in church work, as there is no support for such work in this State (Nebraska). I do what I can gratuitously, giving New-Church books to all who want them, selling none ; and I conduct services and preach when wanted anywhere. In my late trip through eleven States in the South, we had some pleasant and I trust useful meetings in a missionary way.

Report of Rev. G. L. Allbutt.

DURING the year I have continued in the service of the Toronto Society as its Pastor, and have acted also in the capacity of President of the General Church of Canada, and of editor of its organ, *The Star in the East*.

A few days after the last session of the Convention, I applied to Rev. Chauncey Giles for a license to preach, lecture, and officiate at funerals, on behalf of Mr. T. Mower Martin, of Toronto, missionary of the General Church of Canada, and the said license was duly granted. Mr. Martin has done some very useful work in this city, and his services have been found exceedingly helpful. Owing to the change which has recently occurred in the Canada Association, the elements which interfered with the welfare of that body having now been removed, it is gratifying to report that the necessary steps have been taken to form one body of the Church in Canada. The Constitution of the General Church of Canada will form the recognized Constitution of this body, but the old name of the Canada Association will be retained. There seems to be a unanimous feeling in favor of this proposal.

Wishing the Convention a happy session, abundant in good counsel and action productive of the church's welfare.

Report of Rev. John T. V. Croy.

HAVING a sincere desire to report to the coming session of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem, and convey to the brethren in convention assembled the assurances of my gratitude, affection, and esteem, I write to you personally trusting you will do me the kindness to hand the within to the secretary.

For more than a year I have lived near Perris, Cal., and have for the time had, as the teacher of the Bible class in our Sunday School, an opportunity which I have not failed to improve to teach the heavenly doctrines, and have distributed a number of copies of the *Messenger*, *Helper*, *New-Church Pacific*, and other reading matter, and have held an occasional service at which an average number of about thirty-five have been present. Some time since upon the death of a venerable woman of over ninety years of age, the request was made by her grandson that the writer would conduct the services. Quite a number were present and the comforting doctrines of the New Church in regard to death and the future life were, we have cause to believe, as good seed sown in a fruitful soil.

Several families have moved into this valley recently in which the doctrines of the New Church are cordially received or affectionately embraced, and we hope for a brighter outlook for the future. With the hope that such wise counsels will prevail as shall minister to our spiritual upbuilding and hasten the descent of the New Jerusalem.

Report of Rev. F. L. Higgins.

SINCE last Convention I have continued in the work of teaching in Cameron; have done but little in the way of preaching, owing to the prejudice here. I have by invitation, however, delivered two sermons here and one in Galveston, and two addresses at Sunday-School picnics in different parts of this parish or county. I have also, by invitation, taught regularly a Bible class in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School here.

For about two months I held also a Sunday afternoon Bible class in the schoolhouse. These were pretty well attended for a time, but suddenly nearly all ceased to come, and I gave them up.

I have distributed quite a number of tracts, and several copies each of *Heaven and Hell*, *Nature of Spirit*, and *Our Children in the Other Life*. Also sent for one set of the Gift Books for the Methodist Episcopal clergyman at this place.

Several persons here seem favorably inclined to the doctrines, and of one I have quite strong hopes that he may in time become a New-Churchman.

From Rev. J. E. Bowers.

37 LOWTHER AVENUE,

TORONTO, ONT., CAN., Sept. 22, 1891.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America :—*

DEAR SIR, — On the 18th inst., a large number of members, including myself, separated from the Canada Association of the New Jerusalem, and this for what seem to us good reasons. I now also hereby respectfully resign my position as a minister of the General Convention. My reason for so doing is that you as President of the Convention, contrary, as it seems to me, to order, justice, and charity granted a license to preach to the individual who has been the principal cause of the disruption which has taken place in the Canada Association during the past year.

As it is my desire to be no longer connected with the General Convention, I hereby request that my name be removed from the roll of ministers of your Body.

Respectfully yours,

J. E. BOWERS.

From Rev. Richard de Charms.

543 SOUTH 13TH STREET,

DENVER, COLORADO, Jan. 4, 1892.

*Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America :—*

DEAR SIR : Finding myself in sympathy with the principles of the General Church of the Advent of the Lord, believing them to be the true principles of the New Church, and being desirous of connecting myself with that general body, both as an individual and a priest, I herewith tender my resignation from membership in the General Convention, and request that my name be removed from the roll of ministers connected with the General Convention.

Respectfully,

RICHARD DE CHARMS.

From Rev. F. E. Waelchli.

BERLIN, ONT., CANADA, Oct. 1, 1891=122.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America:—*

DEAR SIR: Herewith I send my resignation as member of the General Convention, and request that my name be dropped from its list of ministers.

Respectfully yours,

F. E. WAELCHLI.

From Rev. E. S. Hyatt.

47 ELM GROVE,

PARKDALE, ONT., Sept. 30, 1891=122.

*To the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention
of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America:—*

DEAR SIR: I hereby declare my withdrawal from all connection with the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, both as a minister and as a member of that body. My reason for so doing is that I am not only unable to regard the General Convention as a genuine form of the New Church, but especially because its actions and manifest tendencies have been such as to make it impossible for me to have any hope that it ever will become such a form. It is, therefore, my duty, in loyalty to the New Church itself, to withdraw from such bodies as, like the General Convention, depend so much for the building up of the church upon human prudence and human intelligence, upon natural goodness and the delusions of internal influx not received into forms of genuine truth; whose trust thus appears to be practically in self, and only theoretically in the Lord, Whose presence in the Writings they deny. And this, that I may be the more free to look and to lead only to such bodies of the church as practically acknowledge the Lord in His New Advent, by trusting solely to the guidance of that New Revelation in which He has effected His Second Coming, and in which He is present with His New Church as her only rightful Judge and Teacher. Only in proportion as we thus acknowledge Him do we suffer the Lord Jesus Christ to reign over us as our only God. Trusting that I am prompted in taking this course by the desire that His reign over men may be extended, I withdraw from your organization.

E. S. HYATT.

Special Reports.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE IUNGERICH FUND.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
of the United States of America.*

THE undersigned Trustees of the Iungerich Fund respectfully make this report of the operations of the Trust during the past year. It will be remembered that in the report presented to the last Convention they had occasion to announce the resignation of one of the original Trustees, Mr. Edward C. Iungerich, and thereupon, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust, they nominated three gentleman to the Convention, whereupon the Convention elected Mr. Louis I. Smith the successor to Mr. Edward C. Iungerich. Mr. Smith has taken upon himself the burden of the Trust in conjunction with the other three Trustees, and joins in this present report.

On the first day of May, 1891, they reported a balance of funds on hand, of	\$39,961.54
Of which \$38,100 was invested	
There has been collected of income from May 1st, 1891 to May 1st, 1892	2,147.38
	<u>\$42,108.92</u>
There has been paid J. B. Lippincott Company for manufacturing books	1,068.48
	<u>41,040.44</u>
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Trustees of	41,040.44
Of which amount there is invested for the purposes of the Trust	\$40,695.00
Leaving cash balance in bank of	<u>345.44</u> <u>41,040.44</u>

They would especially report that the various books sent out by Dr. Ellis have greatly increased the demand for the Gift Books during the last three months.

There have been distributed during the past year, that is, from May 1st, 1891, to May 1st, 1892,

Of the True Christian Religion	1,542 copies
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	1,552 copies

During the same time the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed,—

Of Heaven and Hell	1,603 copies
Of the Life of Swedenborg	1,558 copies
Of the Divine Love and Wisdom	42 copies

The work of the Tract Society as has often been stated, forms no part of the work of the Trustees, but the figures of both are given because the committee of distribution of the Tract Society takes charge of the distribution of all the works, ours, as well as those of the Tract Society, and it has been our habit to give these figures for the information of the church at large.

The total number of books distributed to date by the Iungerich Trustees is as follows :—

Of the True Christian Religion	33,768
Of the Apocalypse Revealed	26,384

By the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society,

Of Heaven and Hell	31,461
Of the Life of Swedenborg	14,527
Of the Divine Love and Wisdom	414
Making a total of	106,554

The Trustees in conclusion express their acknowledgments to Dr. Ellis and other friends for valuable aid rendered in their work, also to the Trustees of the Rotch Fund for the use of the plates of the *True Christian Religion* and the *Apocalypse Revealed*, from which the Gift Books are printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN SHOEMAKER,	} Trustees.
HENRY IUNGERICH,	
WM. McGEORGE, JR.,	
LOUIS I. SMITH,	

REPORT OF THE GERMAN MISSIONARY UNION OF THE NEW
CHURCH IN AMERICA.

OUR Union has, during the past year, prosecuted its usual work. From its head quarters at 1011 Arch Street, Philadelphia, and its branch depositaries in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Chicago in the United States, and in Berlin, Canada, the Union has continued to supply the German New Church in this country with New-Church works, some of which are printed by the Union, but the greater part imported from Germany. The organ of the Union, the *Neukirchenblatt*, is published at Philadelphia, Rev. P. J. Faber, of Baltimore, being its Managing Editor, assisted by an editorial board. The German paper for children *Der Kinderbote* (*The Children's Messenger*) continues to be published by a member of our Union, the Rev. Wm. Diehl, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Some missionary work has been done in this country and some contribution made to the German missionary work in Europe.

A new edition of the German hymnal, which forms the second part of our liturgy, has become necessary, the first edition of 1750 copies being exhausted. It is now in the press. The German Liturgy is very similar to the English Liturgy, published in Philadelphia, and to that of the Convention; but only a few of the German Societies make use of the full responsive services or of the selections and chants there provided. On this account it was found useful to publish separately the second part of the liturgy, composed of a large hymnal, for the use of those societies desiring a simpler service.

The policy of our Union since its formation twenty years ago has been to encourage all the German Societies to join the Association in which they are located and to coöperate with the same in local uses. Their coöperation with the German Union was secured by the individual membership of their ministers and some of their leading laymen in the Union. This was done in order that there might be no confusion from the societies belonging to two general bodies. It has been found, however, that such merely individual membership is attended by advantages, therefore the Societies coöperating with us were invited, at our last meeting in Philadelphia, to formally join the Union for the sake of better performing our uses, and to elect delegates to represent them at our next meeting, which will take place on the sixth of June next, in Baltimore. A number of societies have signified their willingness and have sent in their contributions for our

uses. The German societies will continue as heretofore to coöperate with the several local associations.

A number of German members of the New Church have formed an association, styled "The German Synod," independent of the General Convention and of its order. It has been the endeavor of the leading members of our Union for the last three years to effect the union of all German members of the Church in this country in one body, so that by union of efforts more good might be effected. While we have not succeeded in these efforts as we desired and hoped, there is evidently developing a greater willingness to coöperate in the performance of uses where this may be practicable. We look forward with earnest hope to a more perfect union of all who love the kingdom of the Lord.

Praying on behalf of our Union for your continued harmony and prosperity, we look for much good from your coming meeting.

By order of the German Missionary Union.

LOUIS H. TAFEL, *Vice-President.*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OF WORSHIP
IN WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

SINCE the last report to the Convention, our Committee has held two meetings, Jan. 9 and Mar. 24, 1892, in Washington.

A meeting was held at the time of the last Convention, in Philadelphia, at which a sub-committee of three was appointed to consider and report upon plans. This committee has not made any report as yet, but still has the matter under consideration.

We have received in Contributions during the year, \$2,912.50, as shown in the printed report of the Treasurer.

Our lot at the corner of 16th and Corcoran Streets has enhanced in value since its purchase two years ago, being now fairly worth \$4.00 per square foot. We bought it at an average price of \$3.25 per square foot, aggregating \$31,460. At \$4.00 per foot it is now worth \$38,720, being an increase of \$7,260. The Committee believes that a wise choice was made in the selection of this lot, as we have had offers from other church societies to exchange lots with them, they having less desirable locations but having small houses of worship already built.

We fear that our work has been somewhat retarded during the past year by an impression which has seemed to disturb some minds, that we intended building a peculiarly "representative" church edifice, or "correspondential" building. How generally such an impression may have existed, or how it was created, we are unable to state; but we can state most emphatically that there is no foundation for such an impression. While the plans have not been definitely decided upon, the consideration given to them, and the well-known views of the most active members of the Committee, warrant us in stating that when the house of worship is erected, it will be a proper, dignified, and attractive building, suited to the lot and location, and well adapted to the uses to be performed; and one that will compare favorably with the many beautiful churches that are to be built in the National Capital.

Our esteemed Secretary, Prof. Henry C. Spencer, departed this life Aug. 30, 1891. We desire to testify to his many excellences of character, his earnest and intelligent discharge of the duties imposed upon him, his devotion to the church, and his kindly and genial manner to his associates. We shall ever cherish his memory as a friend and brother.

Dr. R. B. Donaldson, of Washington City, was elected to take his place on the Committee, and Job Barnard was elected to succeed him as Secretary.

At the last meeting of the Committee we decided to send out circulars, with slips for subscriptions, payable in five annual instalments. We annex a copy of this circular and slip, and make the same part of this report. These have been recently mailed to most of the New-Church friends in the United States, and some gratifying returns have already been received.

The Washington Society is still a tenant, from month to month, of the little church at Dupont Circle, at a rental of \$50 per month, but is not able to procure any definite contract of lease, and is liable to be without a shelter at any time. It has made no complaint, and shown no impatience at our delay in building, but we know it has need for the money (\$600 a year) now paid for rent, to use in the better performance of its various duties. When this movement was begun, the Washington Society made a subscription of \$15,000, thereby exhausting all its funds received from insurance, and sale of old church lot, and requiring it to raise

several thousand dollars more from its own members. It has already paid \$12,850 of this sum; and several hundred dollars additional have been contributed by individual members directly to the Treasurer of our Committee. We are assured that the balance of its subscription, \$2,150, will be available at any time when the Committee is ready to commence the work of building. The \$1,000 bequest, left by the will of Prof. Spencer, is also ready to be paid at that time. There remains unpaid on the ground, \$5,646.66, which was due in March last, but which was kindly extended until September next. We do not wish to begin building until this is fully paid; but so soon as this is done, we think it advisable to build a chapel on some portion of the lot, which will be large enough for present use, and built in such a manner as to be available for Sunday school and book room, when the main body of the church shall be finally erected.

We desire to express our grateful appreciation of the many kind and encouraging letters received, accompanying subscriptions made, from all parts of the world. They show a general interest in the work entrusted to us, and insure our ultimate success in carrying it to a satisfactory conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOB BARNARD,
FRANCIS A. DEWSON,
GEORGE MERRELL,
D. L. WEBSTER,
For the Committee.

NEW-CHURCH BUILDING IN WASHINGTON CITY.

I hereby promise to pay to Francis A. Dewson, Treasurer, 53 State Street, Boston, Mass., the sum of.....Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the National Committee of the General Convention in paying the balance of the purchase money for the ground, and erecting thereon the House of Worship proposed, in the City of Washington, D. C., the same to be paid in five annual instalments, the first to be on the.....day of.....189....; PROVIDED, however, that I shall be at liberty to discontinue this subscription whenever in my discretion it may be deemed necessary or expedient so to do.

Name.....

Address.....

Dated.....189....

DIRECTORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSE
OF WORSHIP IN WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

WM. MCGEORGE, JR., *Chairman*, Bullitt Building, Philadelphia; FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston; JOB BARNARD, *Secretary*, 500 5th Street, N. W., Washington City; E. BURGESS WARREN, 2103 Spruce Street, Philadelphia; JOHN JOY EDSON, 1003 F Street, N. W., Washington City; DAVID L. WEBSTER, 55 High Street, Boston; GEORGE BURNHAM, 3401 Powelton Ave., Philadelphia; MILO B. STEVENS, Cleveland, Ohio; GEORGE MERRELL, 6th Street and Eggleston Ave., Cincinnati; H. W. GUERNSEY, 20 Cooper Union, New York; MORDAUNT BODINE, 76 Nassau Street, New York; G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, 312 Broadway, New York; JOSEPH R. PUTNAM, Portland Block, Chicago; JOSEPH SEARS, 15 Wabash Ave., Chicago; Dr. R. B. DONALDSON, 1309 F Street, N. W., Washington City.

500 FIFTH STREET, N. W.,
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

April 18, 1892.

DEAR FRIEND:

The National Committee at its meeting held in Washington on the 24th of March last past, unanimously resolved to make special application to the New-Church friends throughout the country to aid in their work, and to make subscriptions thereto extending over a period of five years. For the purpose of explaining the present urgent needs of the Committee, and of showing the necessity for immediate action, attention is called to the following copy of the letter of Wm. McGeorge Jr., President of the Committee, which appeared in the *Messenger* of March 16, 1892.

The balance now owing on the ground is \$5,646.66, which was due March 15, 1892, but has been extended six months. All persons who prefer making a cash payment, to a subscription, are at liberty to do so, and their offerings will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged by the Treasurer, Francis A. Dewson, 53 State Street, Boston.

For the Committee.

JOB BARNARD,
Secretary.

[Letter of WM. MCGEORGE, JR., published in *Messenger*, March 16, 1892.]

THE NATIONAL TEMPLE AT WASHINGTON.

IN view of the near approach of the time of meeting of the General Convention, permit me to give some few facts in relation to the meeting of the National Committee and the present condition of this enterprise. The last

formal meeting of the Committee was held on the 9th of January. In the interim between that and the last meeting of the Committee, the esteemed and honored Secretary, Professor Henry C. Spencer, departed this life. He testified his earnest and continued interest in this matter by making provision on his death-bed for a payment to the building fund. The Committee warmly appreciate the earnest efforts of the Professor during his life, and greatly miss his kindly presence with them, but do not doubt that now that he is nearer the springs of action he will be able to do better and more useful work in the cause which he so much loved.

Job Barnard, Esq., was on motion, elected Secretary of the Committee, and Dr. R. B. Donaldson was elected a member of the Committee in place of Professor Spencer, deceased. The general subject of Church plans was discussed at considerable length, and for the purpose of expressing the unanimous sentiment of the Committee, and for removing some questions which seemed to be in the minds of some of our New England and Western friends, as to the character of the edifice to be erected, the following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That it is the unanimous conclusion of this Committee that the church to be built should conform to the well-established rules of church architecture; should be beautiful in form, and well adapted to the uses intended; that it should be based on a liberal plan, admitting of a small structure at first, which could temporarily be used as a chapel, and subsequently as a Sunday-school room, and susceptible of such additions and improvements as would eventually form a complete, harmonious whole, without the necessity of radical and costly alterations.”

This resolution was passed in the very best of good faith, and undoubtedly expressed the real sentiment of the Committee. There is not the slightest intention of carrying out any peculiar ideas in the erection of a building, other than the fixed determination to have it in accordance with the laws of good church architecture and altogether suitable to the purposes for which it is intended. It is hoped that eventually the combined resources of the Church will suffice to erect a building or a group of buildings, which as a whole shall be beautiful and attractive, if not imposing in appearance.

There was one other matter which had the serious consideration of the Committee. Accepting the suggestion of the General Convention, the Washington people have turned over to the National Committee the proceeds of their property, and have made quite a liberal subscription in addition towards building the new church. It had been hoped and expected that long ere this they would have had at least partial accommodations. The price of property was going up very rapidly in Washington, and it was becoming difficult to secure a suitable site at any reasonable price. An opportunity offering to secure a good lot, the Committee were unanimously of opinion that it should be purchased, and a lot was secured and part of the purchase money paid. A balance is still owing on that, and inasmuch as this lot is not now used for the purpose of a religious society, it is subject to taxation, whereas, if we could erect a little building and commence to worship on the ground, that would instantly cease. As the matter now stands the Washington people have no place of worship of

their own, are compelled to rent, and in addition, we have to keep up the interest and taxes on this lot. It does seem therefore very important that a small building should be erected at once to relieve the Washington friends of this expense, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Committee especially recommends the immediate erection of a small building, to be used for a place of worship, which would relieve the lot from the burden of taxes, and also save the expense of rent now paid by the Washington Society, and thereby enable it to prosecute more fully its various and important uses."

The Committee would most earnestly call the attention of the Church to the rather anomalous condition of affairs. The Church at large has taken hold of this work, and undertaken to build a temple for the Washington Society. Their reason for doing this is because they regard it as a good missionary enterprise. The eyes of all denominations are turned towards Washington, and they have recognized the importance of being well represented there. The proper order is from the centre to the circumference, and this is the centre of our great Government, and if the influence of the New-Church is to be properly felt it should certainly have an abiding place, and its doctrines should be vigorously promulgated in this centre. But setting aside this self-evident consideration, *we* have undertaken to do the work, we have the money of the Washington people, and we certainly should go about it at once and lift them out of the distressed condition in which they are now. Cannot we at least raise five or six thousand dollars to pay the last note which is due on the grounds, and matures on the 18th of March? I have so often urged my friends to give money to various uses that I have little in the way of argument to advance except one learned of recent experience, and I would like to urge my New-Church friends who have any money at all, to make an appropriation to this very important cause for the purpose of saving what they have. Any money devoted to the performance of great use in connection with the spread of the Lord's New Church is undoubtedly saved, and in view of the great difficulty that seems to exist at this time for people, possessed of funds, to make a safe disposition of them, I would earnestly suggest this plan.

WM. MCGEORGE, JR.,
President National Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COLLECT SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR
PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHING THE MANUSCRIPTS OF SWEDENBORG.

THE Committee to collect Subscriptions for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg respectfully report that at the date of its last report to the Convention in May 1889:—

The total amount subscribed was	\$6,294.89	
Of which there had been paid		\$1,298.08
In the year ending May 1890, there was received from sub- scriptions		83.00
From Interest		68.55
In the year ending May 1, 1891, there was received from subscriptions		3.75
From Interest		80.35
In the year ending May 1, 1892, there was received from subscriptions		249.00
From Interest		76.20
Total Receipts		\$1,858.93
Less expenses		23.00
Cash on hand		\$1,835.93
A part of the above Receipts were on account of old sub- scriptions, but it appears probable that of subscriptions un- paid, there is still available about		4,900.00
Making the total amount guaranteed		<u>\$6,735.93</u>

A circular of which a copy is appended has been issued by the joint committee having charge of this important work and widely distributed, but its results have not been realized by the Treasurer, either in payments or promises to pay.

For the Committee.

F. A. DEWSON,
Chairman and Treasurer.

THE PUBLICATION OF SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Convention to attend to this important work, is desirous of performing its duty with no unnecessary delay. There are very important manuscripts as yet imperfectly deciphered, which should be immediately copied by photo-lithography, both for their preservation, and as a necessary means to their translation for the use of the church. The first in importance is the collection which is known as the *Spiritual Diary*, the latter part of which especially contains precious material not to be found elsewhere. This man-

uscript begins with n. 149, and contains 2,344 pages. Next to the *Diary*, and hardly second in interest, is the first draft of the *Arcana Cælestia*, which lacks the first fifteen chapters of Genesis, but contains about 6,000 pages. Two drafts of the *Index to the Arcana*, which is of much importance, are said to contain 374 pages. The *Summary Exposition of the Internal Sense of the Prophets and Psalms*, contains 38 pages, and a small treatise on *Marriage*, 19 pages. Of Theological works there are also the *Index to the Apocalypse Revealed*, 38 pages, the *Adversaria*, 2,103 pages, and various indexes to words and passages in the Bible, amounting to about 2,000 pages. And there are about 7,000 pages of scientific works.

The circular issued in 1887, in response to which the contributions now on hand were received, stated truly that the most important of these works were the manuscripts of the *Diary* and of the *Arcana*; and it offered sets of these to subscribers of "an amount equal to the cost," then estimated at \$150, but it may reach \$180. About \$6,000 was subscribed at that time, and the portion of this which was paid, together with accumulated interest, now amounts to about \$1,500. The Committee desires to go forward and issue these most important works as soon as possible, trusting to the sale of surplus copies and to further subscriptions, for the issue of other works hereafter. It is estimated that about \$20,000 will be needed to print 110 copies of these two works, a portion of which sum will probably be contributed in England. It is therefore necessary to ask for the payment of subscriptions already made, and for further and more generous subscriptions, before the work can be begun. As soon as the amount of \$20,000 is guaranteed, contracts will be made and the work pressed forward as rapidly as possible.

The above statement of the number of pages to be done is taken from *New-Church Life* for May, 1890. The estimate of cost is based upon estimates from the three companies in Stockholm mentioned in the report of the Committee to the Convention in 1889.

It is intended to take the greatest care to secure perfect reproduction by photolithography. If there are deficiencies in the reproduction which can be supplied from the manuscripts, the suggested emendations are to be made in an Appendix, and not by retouching the stone.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONCORDANCE FUND.

THE Committee have to report that the subscriptions collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention during the Convention year, including the sum of \$250 contributed from the Rice Fund, amount to a total of \$545, the particulars of which appear in the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Potts has now devoted to this great work about twenty years of, for the most part, gratuitous labor. The manuscript of the whole work is completed in shorthand, but it has to be written out, and for the sake of more perfect accuracy and fulness the whole is carefully revised by him before it goes to press. This is his present occupation. At the solicitation of the Convention, and by the solicitation of New-Church friends in England, he is now devoting his whole time to this work, having relinquished his pastoral duties with that view. Of the great value of it to the New Church, there is but one opinion among those who have examined it; and of the importance and justice of continuing the support of it there cannot be two opinions. And to this end your Committee would respectfully suggest the continuance of a committee to raise the necessary funds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL M. WARREN.

LOUIS H. TAFEL.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW HYMNAL.

THE Committee have completed the compilation of the new Hymnal, and the work is now in the process of publication by the Board of Publication. It will contain about six hundred hymns and tunes, and new music for the Sanctus and Doxologies. It is hoped that the book will be ready for introduction by the Societies in the early autumn.

FRANK SEWALL,
Chairman of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

YOUR Committee on Transportation begs to report that arrangements have been made with the Trunk Line and Central Traffic Association roads, also with the New York and Boston lines, for the transportation of delegates and others attending the General Convention, at the following reduced rates, namely, full fare going and one-third fare returning, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the notice published in the *N.-C. Messenger*. Particular attention is directed to these conditions, as a failure to comply therewith on the part of the few may prevent others from receiving the benefit of the reductions in rates.

A new requirement on the part of the railroads is attached this season, namely, that an agent of the railroad shall be present at the Convention for such time as may be required, to afford him opportunity to *visé* all the return certificates, which is now required to be done before they become valid. A deposit in advance, of sufficient amount to pay for the services and expenses of such agent, is also required. This is mentioned that provision may be made for this expense for this year, and authority conferred for the future.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

P. S.—We have paid to railroad associations \$19.50, their charges for their agent who will attend May 14 and 16.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL
CHURCH OF CANADA AND THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

THE committee appointed by the following resolution under minute 66, JOURNAL of 1891 — “*Resolved*: That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the two bodies of the Church in Canada, with a view to bringing about a reconciliation between them if possible,” has attended to the matter committed to it, and takes great pleasure in reporting that a union of the two bodies has been practically effected, and will be fully consummated under the old name of the Canada Association as soon as the rules of the two bodies will permit.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *Chairman*.

TORONTO, May 5, 1892.

DEAR MR. GILES,—In reply to your communication of the 18th ult, as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the General Convention at its last meeting under Minute 66, I desire to report that carrying out its original intention of gathering into one, all the receivers of the Doctrines of the New-Church in Canada, outside of the Academy or General Church of the Advent, the General Church of Canada has, since the Academy adherents of the Association left the Association in a body at the last Annual Meeting, entered into negotiations with the Association with a view to this end. We all feel the desirability of having only one Body of the Church in Canada, and as the Executive Committee of the Association have expressed a preference for the Constitution of the General Church of Canada, and are arranging at the next annual meeting to have it substituted for their present one, the amalgamation of the two bodies may be regarded as a near prospective certainty. There will then be but one body of the Church acting under the Constitution of the General Church of Canada, but known as the Canada Association. This action will be consummated when the necessary time of notice for changing the Constitution on each side has expired.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the General Church of Canada, and with fraternal greetings, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

G. LAWRENCE ALLBUTT.

BERLIN, April 25, 1892.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, Philadelphia :—

MY DEAR BROTHER, — Your letter of April 18 was duly received. In reply to it, I like to state to you on your request the progress toward the amalgamation of the General Church of Canada with the Canada Association.

The resolution accepting the withdrawal of the Toronto Society from the Canada Association by the Executive Committee of the Association, which was at that time strongly of the Academy, was rescinded at the annual meeting of the Association in September last year, and a resolution passed expressing "regret that anything should have transpired in its work which gave cause for the withdrawal of the Toronto Society from the Association," and the Executive Committee was empowered to meet the Executive Committee of the General Church with the view to so amend the Constitutions as to make it mutually agreeable.

Our much respected brother, the Rev. L. H. Tafel, attended the Association meeting last Fall, and addressed the Association and the Berlin Society, and also the Toronto Society at Toronto, on the subject, and we believe did much to set the matter at issue on a favorable basis.

Since then a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canada Association was held at Berlin, and a deputation from the General Church was invited and responded to by our brethren, the Rev. G. L. Allbutt and T. M. Martin, Esq. This meeting was pleasantly and we believe profitably spent in discussing the Constitution of the General Church, which with a few changes was accepted to be reported to the Canada Association for and in lieu of its present Constitution.

Since then we have received notice that the General Church has suspended its Constitution to await the passing and acceptance of the new Constitution by the Canada Association, when we expect the reunion will be made complete.

On the fifteenth of this month, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canada Association, a resolution was passed inviting the Toronto Society to elect its delegates to attend the next annual meeting of the Association, which we have reason to believe will be done, and, if so, the revision of the Constitution will be gone on with, and the reunion will practically be effected, although a year must elapse before the amended Constitution be finally disposed of and become law.

In expectation to see you in Cincinnati at the Council of Ministers and the General Convention, I remain, with brotherly love and esteem,

Truly yours,

F. W. TUERK.

Addresses.

ADDRESS FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
IN GREAT BRITAIN TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF
THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

DEAR BRETHREN : — Your address on behalf of the General Convention was read to the Conference by Dr. T. W. Harris, whom we had the pleasure of welcoming as your messenger. It is now my privilege to fulfil the duty assigned to me as President, and to reply to your sentiments of brotherly affection.

We always look forward with pleasure to the address from the General Convention, but on this occasion the interest was heightened because we knew that the New Church in America had been passing through difficulties very similar to those that were confronting us. At the time the address was read we were a little anxious about events in our own Conference. Your statement of your experiences, of the disposition of the difficult matters you were called upon to decide, and of the doctrine of charity applicable to such cases, was felt to be especially helpful to us in our circumstances. It was stated on many occasions during our session that the address of the General Convention, by its sympathetic tone and its clear teaching, had greatly assisted us in disposing of our difficulties. This is the Lord's way. He provides that we may offer mutual help and counsel, and that every Church and Conference may be a source of strength and comfort to all the rest. How thankful we should be for this perception of the Lord's guiding hand !

With us as with you, those who sympathized with the teachings and practices of the Academy withdrew from our Conference. We have not suffered so much as you have done, for our Church is not perceptibly weaker on account of these withdrawals. It was a time of trial of our tolerance and patience. Both bodies are now perfectly free to follow their consciences. We should not condemn any person, but do our work in patience, confident that only what is in agreement with the Lord's law can endure forever.

Like your meeting of the General Convention, our Conference was one of harmony and general delight. It took us to the happy days before these differences of judgment became acute. With us as with you the whole body seemed to be in a state of peace and harmony which follows men or societies when victorious in temptation.

So long as we were giving attention to acute differences of opinion and our utmost care was taxed to maintain the truth consistently with the claims of mutual charity, the work of the Church was greatly disturbed. It is with the Church at large as with the individual. We cannot hope to impress the community with the truth intrusted to us, unless we are in a peaceful and united condition of mind. We are now free to give all our attention and energy to spiritual work.

Experience shows that the growth of the Church as an external organization — and we cannot pretend to be indifferent to this — depends very much upon the faithful teaching, the activity, and prudence of our ministers. We greatly need accessions to the ministry. At the present time there are in active service only thirty-eight ministers and six recognized leaders. We have seventy-five churches, so that thirty-one societies are without the advantages of a regular pastorate. The services at these churches are maintained by occasional visits from the ministers and by lay missionaries. One of our pressing needs as an organization is addition to our ministerial ranks.

Our form of government is purely congregational. Every church manages its own affairs, and our Conference has no power to interfere. This is a plan that has worked well in the case of societies that are strong and able to secure the services of a minister, but it has not proved successful in the case of the smaller and feebler churches. Men walk without help, but infants and youths need guidance. So our smaller churches need guidance, as they also require help. Whatever changes may take place in our organization it is clear that we must give greater attention to the needs of the weaker societies of the Church.

Your address referred to the rapid and fundamental changes in the religious thought of the community. The changes seem to be almost too rapid to be endurable. The day for mere argument has passed by. While we maintain unimpaired our allegiance to the

truth, and are confident that the Lord is in the truth, our duty is to win men to the Lord by love. When love rules in the Church the world will be converted.

We join hands with you across the water. Space does not wholly separate those who are joined by kindred thought and brotherly love. The day will soon come when in the spiritual world we may all, if we wish, meet face to face, and join in thanking the Lord for His countless mercies.

On behalf of the General Conference, I am, dear brethren, faithfully yours,

JAMES ROBSON RENDELL, *President.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN, — Your timely and appreciative address, prepared by the Rev. James Robson Rendell, President of the Conference, has been received and read to the Convention. We are glad to learn from it that with you, as with us, the differences that have of late disturbed our meetings have come to an end. We believe that in such cases the highest interests of all concerned can be best promoted by a quiet and peaceful separation, leaving all parties in freedom to carry out their principles, each in its own way. With us the change has not only brought more of unity and peace, but, as you will gather from what follows in this address, more of activity and usefulness.

We are reminded, in sending this address, that during the past year one of our societies of the church in America has celebrated the centenary of its existence. Our country and the church may almost be said to be contemporary. The country has passed through all, or nearly all, of its centennial anniversaries. Beginning with the Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia, in 1876, in honor of the Declaration of Independence, many of the most marked events, connected with the founding of the United States, have been fitly commemorated during the last decade and a half, ending with the celebration, three years ago in New York City, of the inauguration of Washington as the first President of the

Unitd States. The church seems to be passing through a similar series of jubilees. "The Centenary of the New Jerusalem," dating its beginning from the Last Judgment, was celebrated by the General Convention in this city in 1857, with appropriate services and addresses. The first public proclamation of the doctrines of the New-Church in America, in the city of Philadelphia, June 5, 1784, was duly honored by the Convention that met in that city eight years ago, on the one-hundredth anniversary of that date. The celebration, on the 1st of April last, by our brethren in Baltimore, of the first New-Church sermon preached in that city, and the organization of the first New-Church Society, a hundred years before, was therefore the third event of the kind in the history of the church in America. If other societies follow this example we may look for many similar occasions during the next twenty-five or thirty years. In that case Philadelphia will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the organization of the first New-Church Society within her limits three years hence; Cincinnati, the first preaching of the doctrines upon her then virgin soil in 1808; New York in 1812; and Boston, the first public meeting in 1817, and the formal organization of the Society in 1818. We do not forget in this connection the imposing gathering that was held by the English Conference in Manchester, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the Last Judgment in 1757, at the time we were celebrating the event in this country. We remember that meeting was graced by the presence, among their English brethren, of Messieurs Le Boys des Guays and Harlé of France, of John Frederick Immanuel Tafel of Germany, of Dr. Achatius Kahl of Sweden, and of a young and stalwart representative of the Mouravieff family of Russia.

It is pleasant to recall these occasions. They are era-marks in the progress of the church. They enable us to take our bearings and estimate more correctly our growth. To many minds, and to all who take a superficial view of the subject, our numerical strength will not seem at all commensurate with the importance of the movement, of which we are the feeble instruments in the Lord's hands, nor with the mighty spiritual forces that are at work in our behalf. But when we remember that the New Church is "the crown of all the churches that have ever existed on the earth" (T. C. R. 786); that it is described in the Word as "a

kingdom which shall never be destroyed" and "an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away" (DAN. ii. 44; vii. 14); that it is not only final and enduring, but universal — a kingdom that "shall break and consume all other kingdoms" (DAN. ii. 44); when we remember that it is not intended, like the Jewish Church, to be confined to one nation or country, nor even, like the First Christian Church, chiefly to the descendants of one race of men and to one continent, but to bring under its influence people of every clime and tongue, and to fill the whole earth as waters cover the sea; when we remember these things we cannot fail to see that its foundations must be laid as deep and wide as the superstructure is to be high and broad, nor do we wonder that the preparation for it must be as slow and gradual as its effects are to be thorough and far-reaching. In the light of this view of the universal and time-long character of the church, we can see that instead of antagonizing other churches among men, and in this way creating a wide and irreconcilable breach between herself and those who are not yet prepared to accept her doctrines, the New Church must necessarily be kept in obscurity until such time as her claims can be cordially recognized. The false doctrines that have usurped the minds of men for so many generations must be eradicated; prejudices must be allayed, animosities must be softened, ignorance must be dissipated and knowledge spread abroad, injustice must be done away with and wrongs righted, a new and true natural science must be built up as a basis for a true spiritual science to rest upon; above all, men must learn their own utter inability to do what is good or think what is true from themselves, and their need of a Rock higher than themselves, upon which they can take hold, before the New Church can make any marked or adequate progress in the world. In the meantime we see that the Bride is being adorned for her Husband as rapidly as it can be done. We see it, not only in the greater state of freedom, which, we are told, would obtain after the Last Judgment, but in the elevation of the moral and spiritual tone of the people — in the demand for greater civil and religious liberty, in the spirit of inquiry and unrest that is abroad among men, and in the very disorders that have come to light, rather than broken out, in the world. We know that if the "night cometh" as well as the "morning," it is because the night can only be seen to be night.

when the clear light of the morning arises ; and in the meantime we possess our souls in patience, believing that the higher the order of creation the slower and more gradual its development.

No other outward event of marked interest has occurred in America during the past year except the celebration mentioned above. But in the absence of the misunderstandings and dissensions that have disturbed our peace and interfered with our usefulness for some years past, some of the enterprises that have been left in abeyance have taken to themselves new life.

Among these may be mentioned, first, the photo-lithographing of Swedenborg's Manuscripts. Under the impetus of the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Convention, the committee having the matter in charge have been earnestly at work. They have been engaged, however, not in the raising of funds, but in procuring estimates of the cost of the work and in maturing plans for the future. It is supposed that the photo-lithographing, both of the *Arcana Cælestia* and the *Diary*, would require not less than \$20,000. It is proposed, therefore, to begin with the *Diary* alone, the cost of which will be about \$6,000. The Convention has considered the subject, and has authorized a call for the necessary sum. The attention of the Conference is called to the subject, in the earnest and confident hope that our brethren in England will unite with us in the work.

Another subject that has received renewed attention is the translation of the Word. A committee has been appointed by the Council of Ministers to take this matter in charge, and the Convention has made provision for its expenses. It is expected that the enterprise will be pushed as rapidly as possible. In this also the coöperation of our English brethren will be sought.

Other enterprises of general interest are under way.

The work, which has been going on for some years, in the compilation of a new hymnal is nearing completion. The new book, in large, clear type, and with the words and music on the same page, containing about six hundred hymns, will be issued in the autumn.

As germane to this work it may be mentioned that a committee has been formed, during the recent session of the Council of Ministers, looking to the preparation of a new liturgy. One prominent aim in this endeavor will be to secure greater unity in the

liturgical usages of our church. It is felt that the time has come when we may expect greater harmony in all our operations and methods, and it is hoped that a beginning can be made in this direction by this committee.

The Conference will be glad to know, also, that beside the publication of one or two more of our Sunday-School Manuals, provision is being made for a new Sunday-School singing book, the printing of a new Sunday-School lesson paper, and the issue, as rapidly as it can be done, of a New-Church Bible Commentary for home and Sunday-School use. All these enterprises are of a practical nature and of practical value. They will not only enlist all our energies in practical work, but leave no time for abstract discussions or unnecessary differences.

We are glad to know that the Convention will be represented, at your coming meeting, by one of our own number, in the person of the Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Ph. D., Professor of Homiletics in our Theological School. Dr. Wright goes not merely for purposes of rest and recreation, but to study your forms and methods, and in the hope that he will be able to gather much information that will be available among us. We know that we need not bespeak a cordial welcome for him, because that has always been accorded to our ministers and laymen whenever they have attended your meetings. But we look forward with great expectation to this visit, not only as a possible means of gathering new knowledge, but of unitizing the church in this country and in England. In the meantime we rejoice not only in the success of the church in the mother country, but in its existence. It is a source of encouragement and strength to us to know that you are working patiently and successfully in the same great cause that lies so near our hearts; and we reciprocate all the expressions of affection and good-will contained in your address. We invoke the Divine blessing upon all your endeavors, and seek the most cordial co-operation with you in all that concerns the welfare of the church.

In behalf of the General Convention, and in the name of our common Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the One God of heaven and earth, I am,

Affectionately your brother,

S. S. SEWARD.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 17, 1892.

Communications.

FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD'S CONGRESS AUXILIARY.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America :—*

DEAR BRETHREN,— In behalf of the Committee of the World's Congress Auxiliary on a New-Jerusalem Church Congress, I transmit to your Body a copy of the Preliminary Address of the Committee, with a list of the Advisory Council appointed upon our recommendation by the President of the Auxiliary, in order that you may take such action as may seem to you useful in furthering the success of an International Congress of the New Church in connection with the Auxiliary, in September, 1893.

In behalf of the Committee, and in the fellowship of the New Church of the Lord,

L. P. MERCER, *Chairman.*

PRELIMINARY ADDRESS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD'S
CONGRESS AUXILIARY ON A NEW-JERUSALEM (SWEDEN-
BORGIAN) CHURCH CONGRESS.

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the President of the Auxiliary, acting now upon his suggestion, beg leave to call the attention of New-Church people throughout the world to the general scope and character of the Religious Congresses to be held in September, 1893, and to invite correspondence and suggestions looking to the proper representation of the New Church of the Lord in the Parliament of Religions, and the maturing of plans for a World's Congress of the New Church.

The organization of the Auxiliary, in fifteen great departments, and more than a hundred general divisions, has been recognized by the Government of the United States as the proper agency to arrange and conduct the proposed series of Congresses, and the Exposition Directory has agreed to expend two hundred thousand dollars in providing suitable places of meeting.

In the Department of Religion, it is proposed for the first time

in the history of the world to assemble in an Ecumenical Conference the representatives of all the great historic faiths; and you will be glad to learn that under the active work of the General Committee the proposed Parliament of Religions has awakened the interest and active coöperation of the religious leaders of mankind. "If in September, 1893," to quote from the First Report of the General Committee, "not only Catholics and Protestants, Jews and representatives of the Greek Church, but Buddhists, Brahmans, Confucians, Parsees, and Mohammedans, shall sit together in frank and friendly conference over the great things of our common spiritual and moral life, this one fact will impart to the Columbian Exposition a great celebrity and importance." Among the objects of this Parliament of Religions, as set forth by the General Committee, we call especial attention to the following:—

"To bring together in conference, for the first time in history, the leading representatives of the Great Historic Religions of the world."

"To show to men, in the most impressive way, what and how many important truths the various Religions hold and *teach in common*."

"To set forth, by those most competent to speak, what are deemed the important *distinctive* truths held and taught by each Religion and by the various chief branches of Christendom."

"To inquire what light each Religion has afforded, or may afford, to the other Religions of the world."

Such an Ecumenical Conference acquires additional importance to the mind of a New-Churchman from the fact that it is a principle of faith with him that "the Lord provides with every nation a universal medium of salvation," and that the essential saving truths of faith are common to all religions; and that he who, in any religion, "feareth God and worketh righteousness," is capable after death in the world of spirits of receiving instruction and faith in Jesus Christ as "the only wise God our Saviour"; and from the further principle of faith among us that the written Word of God is given on our earth, because "in consequence of the communication opened here among all nations," it can be "conveyed from one nation to another and taught in all places." Perhaps no such opportunity for the full, free, and friendly realization

of this end of Divine Providence could under any other circumstances be presented.

It devolves upon the New Church to see that those truths which it distinctively holds in trust to teach for the help of mankind, are fitly and adequately set forth in this Parliament of Religions, especially the following, namely : —

1. The Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ in the opening of the Spiritual sense and Divine meaning of the Word of God, through the human instrumentality of Emanuel Swedenborg.

2. The relation of this fact to the whole history of Religion in the progress of the ages, or the Divine Dispensations of the Church.

3. The light it throws upon the unities and diversities of the Historic Faiths, and the present conflicts of opinion in Christendom.

What has been called "the permeating and formative influence of Swedenborg's teachings" in the religious belief and life of to-day, insures for this New Christian Church the opportunity to present its claims to Divine origin and universal interest. The organization of the Auxiliary is essentially executive, and all topics and appointments of persons to treat them, in the Parliament of Religions, is vested in the President of the Auxiliary and the General Committee on Religious Congresses acting under his sanction. But we cordially invite suggestions from our Advisory Committee, and other New-Churchmen, both as to topics which they may regard as important, and to have presented, and also as to the names of suitable persons to present them, being assured of the most respectful consideration at the hands of the General Committee.

We also invite suggestions as to plans for calling and organizing an International New-Church Congress, to meet Sept. 6 to 10, 1893, to present through our representative men the great fundamental truths which are committed to us for the good of our fellow-men.

We suggest that the occasion should call forth our most earnest and affectionate sympathy with all sincere and devout seekers after truth of every name, as it will give opportunity to our fraternal desire to make known to them what we cherish as a Divine dispensation for them, even as for ourselves ; especially

1. That there is at this day new revelation from the Lord — not

in new Sacred Scriptures, but in the opening of the spiritual sense of the Word given in the Old and New Testaments — by which there is opened a new and more excellent way of conjunction with the Lord and heaven.

2. That this Divine revelation of the internal sense of the Word, and of the science of correspondences which was the source of wisdom with the Ancient Churches, throws light upon the origin and diversities of Religions, and leads them to their essential unity in the true Christian Religion and Church now being established as the culmination and crown of the Church founded by the Lord, when He was in the world.

3. That in this revelation is offered the true basis of religious unity, and of a universal faith: —

(1) In Jesus Christ as the one, personal, and visible God in whom is the Invisible, and from whom is the Holy Spirit.

(2) In His redemption of mankind through His incarnation and by the power of His Divine Humanity imparted in and through the truths of His Word.

(3) In His salvation of man, by regeneration through man's repentance and obedience to His Divine commandments.

Such a distinctive New-Church Congress will be under the administration of this Committee and its Advisory Council, with such direction only from the President of the Auxiliary as may be necessary to avoid conflict and confusion among so many large assemblies.

The time at our disposal for completing arrangements makes it necessary to begin at once the maturing of plans, and we therefore invite immediate correspondence and suggestion from our brethren throughout the world.

(Signed) L. P. MERCER, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH CONGRESS.

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FROM THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE NEW CHURCH IN IOWA.

NORWAY, IOWA, NOV. 3, 1891.

*Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary of the General Convention of the
New Jerusalem in the United States.*

I HEREBY certify that the General Society of the New Church in the State of Iowa desire the investiture of the Rev. Stephen Wood, a pastor of the New Church, with the Office of General Pastor, and that to this end they ask the sanction of the General Convention requisite to the same.

AUG. N. SCHLOEMAN, *Secretary.*

FROM NEW-CHURCH WORSHIPPERS IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

KANSAS CITY, MO., May 10th, 1892.

Mr. C. A. E. Spamer, Secretary General Convention,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR :— The little band of New-Church worshippers located in this city, although not regularly organized into a Society, claims close touch with the Convention, and asks to file its report.

Sunday morning worship is kept up, without intermission, in A. O. U. W. Hall, 9th and Forest Avenue, with an average attendance of about eighteen. The Sunday School has near the same number of scholars, and the hour immediately preceding the services is devoted to this important use.

Like nearly all first assemblies of New-Church people, we change from time to time both in attendance and zeal; and owing to removals, altered circumstances, and other discouraging causes affecting the members, our outward condition appears stationary.

We have not had the aid of a minister since September last, when Brother Reiche, of Topeka, officiated for us; as he had previously done, monthly, prior to his severe illness. Our people have good singing, led by Mr. Fuller, the efficient organist, and follow the morning service as outlined in the Convention Book of worship — with a selected sermon read from the *Helper* or *Messenger*.

The sphere of our meetings in this way has seemed helpful and earnest, and we think we are performing a use to ourselves and families, as well as letting our light shine for the community around us. From curiosity, and other motives, we have visits from outsiders almost every Sunday, and transient New-Churchmen often look us up.

With all this, we long for the time when we can organize as a permanent body of the Church, and be strong enough to be counted in one of the *arms*, rather than in the *extreme ultimates* of the grand man.

The question is: What can we do to advance — become a permanent Society and grow?

Theories do not always bring practical results, and we conceive it to be one of the most important questions for Convention — perhaps through its Associations or Missionary Board — to say what fostering care can be given to these isolated nuclei of the New Church.

There are others similarly situated, but we know of none offering a

better field for useful practical effort than the organization in Kansas City. We ask that you extend us your sympathy and assistance in keeping active our small remnant.

A. H. CLINE, *Reader*.

FROM THE REV. C. J. N. MANBY.

GOTTENBURG, April 14, 1892.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States of America:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,—Also this year I have been favored with the kind and most valuable assistance from your Board of Missions. And when expressing my hearty thanks to the Secretary of the said Board, I mentioned, partly, how I had made use of the generous gift to the benefit of the cause. In a previous letter to the same official, I took the opportunity of giving a brief sketch of my missionary travels last summer and autumn. I was glad to tell that I had visited and lectured in twenty—or, more correctly speaking, twenty-one—cities and towns, in most of them for the first time. In many of those places the audiences were very numerous. It was especially so in Upsala, where I delivered four discourses and conducted one Divine service. At these occasions the audiences were from two to about four hundred persons, amongst them also many students, and at least two theological professors. On invitation I had conversations with students about the New Church, which were very pleasant. In short, the visit at this our first and largest University was highly pleasing, and promising for the future.

After my returning home to Gottenburg, in the beginning of October, our regular services were taken up again, and have gone on the whole time except one Sunday (Jan. 17), on account of a trip to Orebro for church uses. Besides, I had to see through the press the most of the *Heavenly Doctrine* (in new translation), which work was completed in the beginning of February. After that time it was a pleasure to me to take up again the translation of *Conjugal Love*, already begun in 1883, when two numbers (twelve sheets) were issued. But my health has of late not been satisfying, wherefore I have been obliged to discontinue this work, glad to be able to keep up my ministerial duties, and entertaining the

hope that I soon again may return to the former work.

In order to let me have the more time to translations, my colleague and friend, Rev. Albert Bjorck, has taken upon himself the whole charge with our Monthly, the printing of which, therefore, has been removed from Gottenburg — where it has been done during the last seven years — to Stockholm.

If my health will permit, I hope to go out also next summer to the missionary field, this time, as it is intended, to Norrland, the northern and very vast part of the country.

During last year twenty-three of our twenty-five "Ambulating Libraries," from "Nykyrkliga Studieförbundet," were out in the field, and the using of them has been very good in several places, as we see of the statistic reports. Fifteen others are being established this spring, with a little difference in their composition. They will contain more books, and may therefore stay in a place two years, which will prove a profit, especially in such a part of the country as Norrland, where the distances are large and the communications as yet not easy. These "Ambulating Libraries" are able missionaries, continuing well, and enlarging the work of the living voice.

And now, let me wish you to your important labors, a great blessing from our common Lord.

Yours in the cause of the New Church, affectionately,

C. J. N. MANBY.

FROM THE NEW-CHURCH SOCIETY IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

GRACE unto you and peace, from God our Father, dearly beloved assembled brethren.

The community of the New Church of our Lord is spiritually praying for your success, and humbly seeking fellowship in your pious assembly, as a further step for the upbuilding of the temple, for the glorification of our only Lord and God, Jehovah, Jesus Christ, and for the salvation of mankind.

Think in the spirit of charity and generosity of those far away in the East, living in a bigoted Catholic country. Remember your brethren in Hungary, the troubles, cares, and expenses they have at the commencement of their public authorized church life. Great has hitherto been the trouble ; many difficulties have had to be surmounted ; but greater still the love and blessing of God to us all.

On the third of May we celebrate the first anniversary of our existence and work as a legally authorized body of the church, the first public community of the New Church in Budapest, and the first in Hungary. A few brethren have hitherto, for upwards of twenty-four years, assembled for Divine service in private family circles. But now for one year we have had our own public place of worship ; we number one hundred souls, administer the holy sacraments, have already translated two New-Church books into Hungarian, and we are with the grace of God flourishing more and more, inwardly and outwardly. The success has been perhaps nowhere so rapid and complete as here, owing to the liberal constitutional government, and the aid and encouragement we have received from the government and country. In order to dissolve the ice of ignorance and indifference toward our heavenly doctrines, as well as the prejudice regarding the person and holy mission of our apostle, Emanuel Swedenborg, particularly in the better educated class of society, our reverend and worthy preacher arranged to give a series of public popular lectures, embracing among others the fundamental truths of Brother Chauncey Giles of Brother Worcester, etc., whom may it please the Lord to retain for many and many years to come as the worthiest laborers in His vineyard. For instance, "The Spiritual State," "Who was Jesus Christ?" and other tracts, in order that the new spirit might enlighten the dark corners of the world. The blessing and useful-

ness of this undertaking manifests itself. Some of those present at the lectures attend our Divine service, express a desire to read and gain enlightenment from our books, and will by degrees become our brethren. The public press supports us, publishing reports of our ritual meetings, and frequently printing long articles.

We hold Divine service in German, and on Holy days in Hungarian. We prosper, as the New Church does everywhere, slowly but steadily.

Our highly-esteemed, worthy, and pious preacher and pastor, elected unanimously by the whole community, and in whom we place complete and fullest confidence, is brother Dr. Johannes Nahrhaft, a man of the very highest education and abilities, leading the most moral life, indefatigable, full of energy, has been for the last three years, devoted heart, body, and soul to this holy mission; he is unselfish, unprovided, without private means, married, has a family, and we have hitherto been unable in any way to contribute to his material welfare. Now as the laborer is worthy of his hire, particularly as he has in love and meekness devoted his whole life and power, his unusual abilities, his faith and devotedness, to the glorification of the mission of the New Church of the Lord; and further, taking into consideration that we are too few and too poor, and that we have so many other expenses that we find it hard to defray; we now most sincerely beg of our assembled brethren to help support us, to put it in our power to better the material position of our most worthy and pious pastor. God will reward you for it through the prosperity of our church. May the Lord inspire us with His strength and light, that we may steadfastly hold to the fundamental doctrines of this holy truth!

May the heavenly light of the second coming of our Lord enlighten and inspire our hearts and determinations, in the peace and love of Jehovah Jesus. Amen.

DR. JOHANNES NAHRHAFT,

IV. Gittergasse 3, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

And others.

May 1, 1892.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D. D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee (or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECTION 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECTION 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of ——— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have used the income only of the property devised, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Form of a Legacy

FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

I GIVE to "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of _____ dollars for the maintenance of the missionary work of the Convention, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions."

Form of a Devise of Land

FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

I GIVE and devise to [here insert names of Trustees and description of property] in trust for the maintenance of the missionary work of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, under the charge of its "Board of Home and Foreign Missions." And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the said property at any time, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention.

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consists in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

THIS Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord from His Word in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

ARTICLE II.—*Meetings, etc.*

SECTION 1.—Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

SECTION 2.—All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the Societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

SECTION 3.—Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen; a Council of Ministers, consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with four ministers and six laymen, to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—*Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have superintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V. — *The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE.

"There are things of two kinds which must be in order among men, namely, those that are of heaven, and those that are of the world : those that are of heaven are called ecclesiastical, and those that are of the world are called civil.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers, who shall observe all things that are done according to order, and those done contrary to order ; and shall reward them that live according to order, and punish them that live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish ; for it is innate in every one by inheritance to desire to rule over others, and to possess the goods of others ; whence come enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils : wherefore, unless men were held in check by laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for them that do good ; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life for them that do evil ; the human race would perish.

"There must therefore be rulers to keep associations of men in order, who should be skilled in the laws, wise, and fearing God. There must also be order among the rulers, lest any, from caprice or inexperience, should permit evils against order, and so destroy it : which is guarded against when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination.

"Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical affairs, are called priests, and their office the priesthood. But rulers over the things among men which relate to the world, or civil affairs, are called magistrates, and their chief, where there is such a form of government, is called a king.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them ; they must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the sheep ; but they that teach, and do not lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are evil shepherds.

"Priests must not claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, because they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are ; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone.

"Priests should have dignity and honor on account of the holy things which they administer ; but they that are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom are the holy things, and not to themselves ; while they that are not wise, ascribe honor to themselves. These take it away from the Lord. Those that ascribe honor to themselves, on account of the holy things which they administer, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for ; but those that give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers ; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated with the employment. Personal honor is the honor of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord.

"Priests must teach the people and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one; since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated; for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists.

"As priests are appointed to administer the things which are of Divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer the things which are of civil law and judgment."—H. D., nos. 311–319.

SECTION 1.—A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so long as continued; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 2.—A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECTION 3.—A minister who has been invited by a society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECTION 4.—A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention; or an Association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of General Pastor in its Presiding Minister, or Superintendent, during his continuance in office; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECTION 5.—A minister ordained by authority of the Convention, or one reporting to and acting under the rules of the Convention, shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by authority of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote ; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be referred to the General Council or the Council of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting ; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a three-fourths vote of the Convention.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word and prayer, every morning.

SECTION 2.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECTION 4.—All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each session of the Convention.

SECTION 5.—Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order:—

1. Address of the President.
2. Report of the Secretaries.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the General Council.
5. Report of the Board of Publication.
6. Report of the Corporation of the Theological School.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund.
8. Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.
10. Report of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.
12. Report of the Council of Ministers.
13. Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.
14. Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's manuscripts.
15. Report of the American New-Church Sabbath-school Association.
16. Reports of Associations in alphabetical order.
17. Reports of Societies.
18. Reports of General Pastors and Ministers.
19. Special Reports.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. New Business.

When any report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to

the report of the General Council, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above reports until all of them have been read; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECTION 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECTION 8.—When a report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECTION 9.—The *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECTION 10.—The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

SECTION 11.—The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention.

SECTION 12.—The President shall from time to time address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other general bodies of the Church, or appoint some person or persons to do so.

SECTION 13.—All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention or the General Council for adoption.

SECTION 14.—The Board of Publication shall make its annual report to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of the session of the Convention, embracing all matters intended to be brought by it before that body for its action.

SECTION 15.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECTION 16.—The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the General Council; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall judge necessary.

They shall condense and tabulate all reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings; they shall revise the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectively are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECTION 17.—The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other documents sent to this Convention, as soon as received. They shall also under the direction of the President distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies or persons abroad.

SECTION 18.—Meetings of the General Council may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Council, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Council, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Council; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Council at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation.

SECTION 19.—All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution; but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence.

SECTION 20.—The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any committee, or to appoint any committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal. All officers and committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention.

SECTION 21.—There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions, consisting of the President of the Convention, and of nine other members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION 22.—A committee of three persons shall be appointed to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for each meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention; but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention.

SECTION 23.—A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one, two, three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, by the Convention or the General Council, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECTION 24.—Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association or other collective body acting under the rules of the Convention, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretary of the Council of Ministers. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Council to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention. The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of the ministers, and report the same to the Convention.

SECTION 25.—All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECTION 26.—The Constitution and Act of Incorporation shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.
2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)
3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath school and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.
5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15-17.
6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, or other collective body reporting to the Convention, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.
8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following associated bodies:—

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Berlin, Montreal, and Wellesley. 3.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Aurora, Batavia, Canton, Chicago, Englewood, Flat Rock, Henry, Hutton, Jefferson, Wis., Joliet, La Porte, Ind., Olney, Peoria, Pittsfield, Pontiac, St. Louis, Mo., and Wilmington. 17.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Bath, Fryeburgh, Gardiner, and Portland. 4.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Baltimore (German), Easton, Preston, Washington, D. C., and Wilmington, Del. 5.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Abington, Boston, Boston Highlands, Bridgewater, Brockton, Brookline, Dorchester, East Bridgewater, Fall River, Lancaster, Lynn, Manchester, N. H., Mansfield, Newtonville, Pawtucket, R. I., Providence, R. I., Salem, Springfield, Waltham, and Yarmouth. 20.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Almont, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Leland, and Springdale. 5.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Kimball, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. 3.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Brooklyn, Brooklyn (German), Elizabeth, N. J., Hempstead, L. I., Hoboken, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., Newark, N. J. (German), New York, New York (German), Orange, N. J., Paterson, N. J., and Riverhead. 13.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Cincinnati, Cleveland, East Rockport, Glendale, Indianapolis, Ind., Napoleon, Pomeroy and Middleport, Richmond, Ind., Toledo, and Urbana. 10.

THE PACIFIC-COAST ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Alameda, Cal., Ballston, Ore., Los Angeles, Oakland (First), Oakland (New-Church Association), Ontario, Cal., Portland, Ore., Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco (First), San Francisco (Society of the New Jerusalem), and San José, Cal. 12.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Allegheny and Pittsburg (Free New Church), Allentown, Frankford, Lancaster, North Philadelphia, Philadelphia (First), and Vineland, N. J. 7.

SOCIETIES.

Connecticut Association	admitted 1884
Denver, Col.	" 1879
Iowa General Society	" 1890
Jacksonville, Fla.	" 1891
Milwaukee, Wis.	" 1867
Savannah, Ga.	" 1881
Texas General Society	" 1890
Topeka, Kans.	" 1885

Statistical Table of Membership and Representatives.

Associations.	No. Societies.	No. Ministers.	No. Members.	Delegate Representation
Canada	3	2	175	5
Illinois	17	9	744	16
Maine	4	5	255	7
*Maryland	5	6	309	8
Massachusetts	20	20	1,778	37
*Michigan	5	2	364	9
Minnesota	3	3	101	4
New York	13	8	680	15
*Ohio	10	6	567	13
*Pacific Coast	12	7	422	10
Pennsylvania	7	6	644	14
	<hr/> 99	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 6,039	

Societies not Associated.

Connecticut Association	1	—	75	3
Denver, Col.	1	1	31	2
Iowa General Society	1	3	100	4
Jacksonville, Fla.	1	—	—	2
Milwaukee, Wis.	1	—	18	2
Savannah, Ga.	1	—	30	2
Texas General Society	1	2	84	3
Topeka, Kans.	1	1	31	2
	<hr/> 107	<hr/> 81	<hr/> 6,408	<hr/> 158

Recapitulation.

Ministers reporting through Associations or Societies	81
Other ministers, members of Convention, reporting direct	14
	<hr/> 95
Ministerial Membership	95
Delegate Representation	158
	<hr/> 253

* Includes individual Members in addition to Societies.

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D. D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D. D., 419 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 9, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., ordained May, 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, P. O. Box 444, Berlin, Ontario, Can., ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

John Goddard, Station I, Cincinnati, O., ordained Feb. 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1833.

Jabez Fox, 1815 Avenue F., Galveston, Texas, ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass., ordained April 5, 1860; invested with the office May 24, 1891.

Samuel S. Seward, 185 Lexington Ave., New York, ordained Oct. 15, 1869; temporarily invested with the powers of General Pastor Feb. 22, 1891.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me. . . .	Ordained June 13, 1851
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	" May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O. . . .	" April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1911 No. Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo.	" Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 12 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass. . . .	" April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, L.L.D., Elmwood, Mass.	" April 5, 1860
George Nelson Smith, 58 Lake Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.	" June 24, 1860
James E. Mills, Quincy, Cal.	" Aug. 19, 1860
Adolph J. Bartels, 534 W. Division St., Chicago, Ill. . .	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. . .	" Sept. 16, 1860
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	" Oct. 7, 1860
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	" Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louis Carrière, 2128 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo. .	" May 4, 1862
Edw. Craig Mitchell, 534 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	" Nov. 27, 1862
Edwin Gould, 6 Boyle Ave., Montreal, Can.	" Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, 1618 Riggs Place, Washington, D. C. . .	" Aug. 23, 1863
Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass.	" June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.	" Oct. 29, 1865
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.	" Oct. 9, 1867
Joseph Worcester, 1030 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Cal.	" Nov. 3, 1867
John Doughty, 1626 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal. .	" April 12, 1868

William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	Ordained April 8, 1869
Theodore F. Wright, Ph. D., 42 Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass.	" April 8, 1869
Gustave Reiche, 606 Harrison St., Topeka, Kans.	" May 16, 1869
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Oct. 3, 1869
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal.	" May 1, 1870
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga.	" Sept. 10, 1871
Stephen Jepson, Springfield, Mass.	" Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, 17 East Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	" Sept. 29, 1872
John Jacob Lehnen, Norway, Iowa	" May 11, 1873
Albinus F. Frost, 417 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Mich.	" Oct. 16, 1873
Warren Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	" April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Boston, Mass.	" Oct. 15, 1874
Solomon H. Spencer, Germantown, Pa.	" Oct. 18, 1874
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.	" Oct. 24, 1874
Oliver Dyer, Narragansett Pier, R. I.	" May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, cor. of Aisquith and Fayette Sts., Baltimore, Md.	" June 11, 1876
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	" Sept. 24, 1876
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	" April 13, 1877
Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa	" Oct. 23, 1877
James B. Parmelee, 4165 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.	" June 2, 1878
Julian K. Smyth, 26 Montrose St., Roxbury, Mass.	" Jan. 5, 1879
Fedor Görwitz, Zum Frieden, Oberstrass, Zurich, Switzerland	" June 1, 1879
William A. L. Campbell, 1116 Thirty-Third St., Galveston, Texas	" June 22, 1879
Orson L. Barler, Beatrice, Neb.	" Nov. 1, 1879
D. Vincent Bowen, National City, Cal.	" April 8, 1880
Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.	" April 25, 1880
Howard C. Dunham, 2622 Gilpin St., Denver, Col.	" Aug. 29, 1880
G. Lawrence Allbutt, 216 Robert St., Toronto, Can.	" Oct. 20, 1880
Thomas A. King, 1825 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md.	" Mch. 27, 1881
Jacob E. Werren, Abington, Mass.	" Mch. 26, 1882
Joseph S. David, 3126 Fourth Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.	" April 6, 1882
Benjamin D. Palmer, Paterson, N. J.	" April 11, 1882
Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa	" June 5, 1882
B. N. Stone, Fryeburgh, Me.	" Aug. 27, 1882
Eugene D. Daniels, 25 Gregg St., Indianapolis, Ind.	" June 3, 1883
William H. Schliffer, 81 South Second St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. (Jan. 9, 1887)	" June 10, 1883
Philip B. Cabell, 820 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	" Sept. 16, 1883
Samuel C. Eby, 1115 Glendale Ave., Peoria, Ill.	" June 1, 1884
John T. V. Croy, Perris, San Diego County, Cal.	" Feb. 15, 1885
John W. McSlarrow, Batesville, Ark.	" May 31, 1885

Henry Clinton Hay, 9 Linden St., Providence, R. I. . .	Ordained Oct.	1, 1885
William L. Worcester, 3502 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Pa.	"	Dec. 13, 1885
William Diehl, 36 McKibben St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	"	Dec. 20, 1885
Gardiner I. Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	"	Feb. 8, 1886
William H. Alden, 2129 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	"	May 30, 1886
Henry H. Grant, Glendale, O.	"	May 30, 1886
Frank L. Higgins, Galveston, Texas	"	May 30, 1886
John Edward Smith, Easton, Md.	"	May 30, 1886
Thomas Franklin Houts, La Porte, Ind.	"	June 10, 1886
Wellington Hardy Butterfield, Minneapolis, Minn.	"	Oct. 20, 1886
George Mason Davidson, Kokomo, Ind.	"	Feb. 6, 1887
Michael John Callan, Riverhead, N. Y.	"	May 20, 1888
George Stevens Wheeler, Bridgewater, Mass.	"	May 20, 1888
William M. McIntosh, Easton, Md.	"	Feb. 22, 1889
George Henry Dole, Bath, Me.	"	Oct. 6, 1889
Louis G. Landenberger, Joliet, Ill.	"	Jan. 10, 1890
Albert John Cleare, 523 Sixty-Sixth St., Englewood, Ill.	"	Mar. 29, 1890
John A. Hayes, 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.	"	June 14, 1890
Junius B. Spiers, Portland, Me.	"	June 11, 1890
Percy Billings, 110 Irvington St., Cleveland, O.	"	June 14, 1890
Albert Bjorck, Stockholm, Sweden	"	Aug. 17, 1890
David A. Dryden, Gilroy, Cal.	"	Aug. 17, 1890
Louis Rich, 619 Maple St., Englewood, Ill.	"	Dec. 14, 1890
John W. MacPherson, 1708 Unity St., Frankford, Pa.	"	May 24, 1891
Clarence Lathbury, 23 Winter St., Fall River, Mass.	"	April 7, 1892
Christian Hansen Flemming, Aalborg, Denmark	"	April 7, 1892

AUTHORIZED CANDIDATES AND PREACHERS.

Benjamin Worcester, Waltham, Mass.	Authorized Oct.	7, 1857
Charles B. Chace, Urbana, O.	"	Oct. 1, 1887
Francis T. Alba, Bradley Beach, N. J.	"	Feb. 22, 1889
William H. Adkins, Ferguson, Iowa,	"	Oct. 1, 1890
Addison F. Lyman, 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.	"	Oct. 1, 1890
G. W. Wiley, Pine Bluff, Ark.	"	Oct. 6, 1890
T. Mower Martin, Toronto, Can.	"	June 1, 1891
John W. Schafer, 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.	"	June 1, 1891
Frederick M. Billings, 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.	"	June 1, 1891
Lewis F. Hite, Thoroughfare, Va.	"	June 1, 1891
Andrew W. Duncan, Flat Rock, Ill.	"	Sept. 15, 1891
W. T. Haley, Cameron, Ill.	"	April 28, 1892
Thaddeus W. Harris, Cambridge, Mass.	"	May 7, 1892

Officers and Committees for 1892-93.

PRESIDENT.—REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, *3503 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Pa*

VICE-PRESIDENT.—REV. JOHN WORCESTER, *Newtonville, Mass.*

SECRETARIES.— { MR. C. A. E. SPAMER, *215 No. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.*
 { REV. A. F. FROST, *417 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Mich.*

TREASURER.—MR. FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *53 State St., Boston, Mass.*

General Council.

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, *Chairman*.

Rev. S. S. Seward, *Secretary*, 185 Lexington Ave., New-York City.

Rev. S. S. Seward, of New York; Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Canada; Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois; Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York; Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Job Barnard, of Washington, D. C.; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; R. A. Keyes, of Illinois; William McGeorge, Jr., of Pennsylvania; and George W. Thayer, of Michigan.

Council of Ministers.

All the ministers of the Convention, of whom twelve constitute a quorum.

Rev. S. S. Seward, *Chairman*.

Rev. T. F. Wright, *Secretary*.

Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, *President ex officio*.

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, *Secretary*.

Rev. John Worcester, Rev. S. F. Dike, Rev. T. F. Wright, Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, *Executive Committee*.

Rev. S. S. Seward, Rev. John Doughty, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. John Goddard, and Rev. L. P. Mercer.

Treasurer.—Dr. E. A. Whiston, 16 Arlington Street, Boston.

Directors of the Board of Publication.(Incorporated April 10, 1883. *See* Minute 117, Journal 1882.)*President.* — Richard A. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pa.*Secretary.* — Francis J. Worcester, of New-York City.*Treasurer.* — Mordaunt Bodine, of New-York City.*Executive Committee.* — Messrs. Lewis, Worcester, Bodine, Seward, Ager, Sugden, William McGeorge, Jr., and John B. McGeorge.*Auditing Committee.* — Messrs. Sugden, Worcester, and J. B. McGeorge.**TERM EXPIRES 1893.**

R. A. Lewis, of Pa.

Rev. J. C. Ager, of New York.

F. J. Worcester, of New York.

Rev. J. Reed, of Mass.

F. A. Dewson, of Mass.

TERM EXPIRES 1895.

Rev. A. F. Frost, of Michigan.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Pa.

John B. McGeorge, of New York.

W. N. Hobart, of Ohio.

G. Woolworth Colton, of New York.

TERM EXPIRES 1894.

Rev. S. S. Seward, of New York.

D. L. Webster, of Mass.

Rev. Frank Sewall, of D. C.

Mordaunt Bodine, of New York.

Dr. Lewis G. Lowe, of Mass.

TERM EXPIRES 1896.

Rev. Jabez Fox, of Texas.

Eben Sugden, of New York.

Rev. W. B. Hayden, of Maine.

Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois.

William McGeorge, Jr., of Pa.

Board of Managers of the Theological School.**TERM EXPIRES 1893.**

Rev. S. S. Seward.

Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D.

Rev. W. B. Hayden.

William N. Hobart.

TERM EXPIRES 1894.

Rev. Chauncey Giles.

Wm. McGeorge Jr.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley.

Rev. L. P. Mercer.

TERM EXPIRES 1895.

Rev. John C. Ager.

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Rev. James Reed.

Dr. Edward A. Whiston.

Officers of the Corporation of the New-Church Theological School.(Incorporated May 17, 1881. *See* Minute 36, Journal 1880.)*Directors.*Albert Mason, *President.*

D. L. Webster.

Wm. J. Cutler.

R. A. Lewis.

F. A. Dewson.

Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

Wm. N. Hobart.

Alex. Officer.

H. F. Mills.

George T. Hawley.

Charles M. Reed.

E. A. Whiston.

F. J. Worcester.

J. R. Carter.

Lewis G. Lowe.

Clerk. — Pennington Halsted.*Treasurer.* — E. A. Whiston, 16 Arlington Street, Boston.

Trustees of the Building Fund.William McGeorge, Jr., Philadelphia, *Chairman*.George Ropes, Boston, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

TERM EXPIRES 1893.

J. Shoemaker.

Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

TERM EXPIRES 1894.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley.

Job Barnard.

TERM EXPIRES 1895.

George Ropes.

William N. Hobart.

Trustee of the Rice Legacy.

David L. Webster.

Advisory Committee.— Mr. F. A. Dewson and Dr. E. A. Whiston.

(To be used for publication and gratuitous distribution of the works of Swedenborg; the present surplus to be divided equally between the Board of Publication and the Fund in aid of Mr. Potts's *Concordance*, and after this year to be disposed of, until the next meeting of the Convention in Boston, as the Trustee and his Advisory Committee may determine. *See* Journal 1888, Minute 93.)

Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.

Francis A. Dewson.

Albert Mason.

Horace P. Chandler.

Charles M. Reed.

Appointed by the Testator. (*See* Journal of 1864, page 51; to be used for the benefit of the General Convention, but not under its control. *See* Journal of 1866, pages 49 and 110.)

Trustees of the Iungerich Fund.

Julien Shoemaker.

Henry Iungerich.

William McGeorge, Jr.

Louis I. Smith.

Appointed by and under the provisions of a Trust Deed, dated May 4, 1874, and a Supplemental Trust Deed, dated June 26, 1877, made by Mr. Louis C. Iungerich, of Philadelphia.

The Fund to be used for supplying gratuitously the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg to the Protestant clergy of the United States and Canada, including theological students and instructors in theology. (Journal 1882, pages 89-97.)

Committee on Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

(Journal 1891, Minutes 88-95.)

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. J. C. Ager.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

Rev. T. F. Wright.

To Collect Subscriptions for Photo-Lithographing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg.

(Journal 1891, Minute 95.)

F. A. Dewson.	R. A. Keyes.	Edward Cutler.
Rev. S. M. Warren.	Rev. W. B. Hayden.	M. Bodine.
Robert Carswell.	C. A. E. Spamer.	M. G. Browne.
Rev. F. W. Tuerk.	George W. Thayer.	W. N. Hobart.
Rev. John Doughty.	Wm. McGeorge, Jr.	

Committee on the Concordance Fund.

(Journal 1887, Minutes 95, 97.)

Rev. S. M. Warren.	Rev. L. H. Tafel.
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To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

David L. Webster.	James R. Carter.
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The National Committee on House of Worship in Washington City, D. C.

(Journal 1889, Minute 48.)

Wm. McGeorge, Jr., *Chairman*, Bullitt Building, Philadelphia.
 Francis A. Dewson, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
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 Mordaunt Bodine, 76 Nassau Street, New York.
 G. Woolworth Colton, 312 Broadway, New York.
 Joseph R. Putnam, Portland Block, Chicago.
 Joseph Sears, 15 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
 Dr. R. B. Donaldson, 1309 F Street, N. W., Washington City.

Committee on Transportation.

(Journal 1891, Minute 94; Journal 1892, Minute 107.)

J. F. Goddard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

E. Sugden, New-York City.

Committee on New Hymnal.

(Journal 1890, Minute 84.)

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Rev. J. K. Smyth.

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. John Worcester.

Rev. John Goddard.

Committee in Charge of the Allen Will Case.

(Journal 1892, Minutes 28 and 93.)

Rev. John Goddard.

J. B. C. Moores.

Wm. N. Hobart.

Hon. Lyman D. Norris.

Committee on a New-Church Building Society.

(Journal 1891, Minute 27, also pages 75-79; Journal 1892, Minute 81.)

Job Barnard, Washington, D. C.

William Bower, Olney, Ill.

Committee on the Bonney Resolutions.

(Journal 1891, Minute 82.)

Rev. S. M. Warren.

Rev. L. P. Mercer.

Rev. Frank Sewall.

Committee of the World's Congress Auxiliary on a New-Jerusalem Church Congress.

(Journal 1892, Minute 88.)

Rev. L. P. Mercer, *Chairman.*

Rev. L. G. Landenberger.

Alexander Officer.

C. H. Cutler.

Rev. A. J. Cleare.

J. R. Putnam.

Jos. Sears.

W. L. Brown.

Committee on Exhibit of New-Church Literature at the Columbian Exposition in 1893.

(Journal 1892, Minute 91.)

R. A. Keyes.

H. W. Guernsey.

Rev. J. C. Ager.

C. H. Cutler.

Rev. T. F. Wright.

Rev. L. H. Tafel.

Richard A. Lewis.

Dr. E. A. Whiston.

**The Advisory Council of the World's Congress Auxiliary on a
New-Jerusalem Church Congress.**

Rev. Chauncey Giles, Philadelphia, Pa.

President of General Convention of New Jerusalem in U. S. A.

Rev. John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass.

General Pastor of Massachusetts.

Rev. John Goddard, Cincinnati, Ohio.

General Pastor of Ohio.

Rev. S. S. Seward, New York City.

Rev. Frank Sewall, A. M., Washington, D. C.

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.

Rev. Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.

Rev. T. F. Wright, Ph. D., Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt, Toronto, Canada.

Rev. R. L. Tafel, A. M., Ph. D., London, Eng.

Rev. John Presland, London, Eng.

Rev. R. R. Rodgers, Birmingham, Eng.

Rev. Albert Bjorck, Stockholm, Sweden.

Rev. William Winslow, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bishop in Academy of the New Church.

Rev. Adolph Roeder, Vineland, N. J.

M. Charles Humann, Paris, France.

Signor Loreto Scocia, Florence, Italy.

Rev. J. J. Thornton, Melbourne, Australia.

Rev. John McGowan, Allahabad, E. India.

Bishop of India.

J. J. Garth Wilkinson, M. D., F. R. G. S., London, Eng.

Mr. Richard Gunton, London, Eng.

Mr. F. A. Dewson, Boston, Mass.

Mr. William McGeorge, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Kay Takimi, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. William N. Hobart, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Matters Referred to Officers and Committees.

To the General Council.

1. Time of Meeting of Convention. (Journal 1892, Minute 26.)
2. What changes advisable in By-Law No. 21 to the more permanent Constitution of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions. (Journal 1892, Minute 55.)

To the Council of Ministers.

1. Translation of the Word. (Journal 1877, Minutes 47-49; Journal 1892, Minute 18.)

To the Board of Publication.

1. Publication of Sunday-School Manuals. (Journal 1890, Minute 65.)
2. Publication of New Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84.)

To the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

1. Increase of the Endowment Fund. (Journal 1890, Minute 72.)
2. Appeal from the New-Church Society in Budapest, Hungary. (Journal 1891, Minute 76; Journal 1892, Minute 87.)
3. Communication from New-Church Society in Kansas City. (Journal 1892, Minute 62.)

To the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

1. Distribution of the Writings in Latin. (Journal 1886, Minute 78, also Journal 1890, Minute 59.)
2. Photo-Lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39; Journal 1888, Minute 93; Journal 1891, Minute 88.)

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1. To raise funds for Photo-Lithographing the manuscripts of Swedenborg. (Journal 1887, Minutes 29-39 and 61; Journal 1888, Minute 94; Journal 1891, Minute 88.)
2. To raise funds for publishing the Concordance. (Journal 1887, Minutes 95 and 97; Journal 1890, Minutes 96 and 97, and Journal 1891, Minute 91.)
3. The Bonney Resolutions. (Journal 1891, Minute 82.)
4. Defence of Mrs. Allen's Will. (Journal 1892, Minutes 28 and 93.)

To the National Committee on a House of Worship in Washington, D. C.

1. Mr. Sewall's services. (Journal 1890, Minute 50.)
2. Instructed to erect a chapel for present use.

To Committee on New Hymnal.

1. The New Hymnal. (Journal 1890, Minute 84; Journal 1891, Minute 92.)

To Committee on Transportation.

1. Arrangements for Reduced Fares to Convention. (Journal 1889, Minute 126; Journal 1890, Minute 33; Journal 1891, Minute 94; Journal 1892, Minute 107.)

To Committee on a New-Church Building Society.

1. The Plan. (Journal 1891, Minute 27; also pages 75-79; Journal 1892, Minute 81.)

To Committee of World's Congress Auxiliary.

1. Plans for an International New-Church Congress. (Journal 1892, Minute 88.)

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2. Appeal for Funds. (Journal 1892, Minute 91.)

Directory

OF PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES WITH THEIR MINISTERS OR LEADERS.

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ARKANSAS.

Batesville, Rev. J. W. McSarrow, M. D.

Hackett City, Sebastian County, Schoolhouse, C. D. Swisher, Leader, fortnightly.

CALIFORNIA.

Alameda, 7.30 P. M., F. H. Dewey.

Arlington, near Riverside, Centre Ave., Rev. B. Edmiston, Pastor.

Berkeley, residence of Geo. W. Webb, Bancroft Way and Fulton St., Rev. John Doughty, 4 P. M.

Los Angeles, Temperance Parlors, cor. Temple St. and Broadway, Rev. G. W. Savory, Minister.

Oakland, First Society, Montana Block, 7th St., near Adeline, Lucian Putnam, Leader.

Oakland, New-Church Association, A. A. Webber.

Ontario.

Riverside, Rev. B. Edmiston.

San Diego, Rev. D. V. Bowen.

San Francisco, First Society, O'Farrell St., between Webster and Fillmore Sts., Rev. John Doughty, Pastor.

San Francisco, 413 Sutter St., Rev. Joseph Worcester, Pastor.

San José, Rutherford Hall, Dr. Pratt, Leader. Rev. D. A. Dryden.

CANADA.

Berlin, King and Water Sts., Rev. F. W. Tuerk, Pastor, Sunday School in German, 2 P. M.; in English, 4 P. M.

Hamilton, Hall over Brierly's Drug Store, 14 1-2 King St., East, R. Brierly, Leader.

Montreal, corner Dorchester and Hanover Sts., Rev. Edwin Gould, Pastor.

Parkdale, the parsonage, 47 Elm Grove, Sunday morning at 11; Doctrinal Classes Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8. Rev. E. S. Hyatt.

Toronto, Elm St., near Yonge St., Rev. G. Lawrence Allbutt, Pastor.

Toronto, Rev. J. E. Bowers, Missionary, residence, 37 Lowther Ave.

Toronto, T. M. Martin, North Drive, Rosedale, Missionary.

Vancouver, Geo. Polley (Box 442), Leader.

Wellesley, Rev. F. W. Tuerk, every fourth Sunday, in German.

COLORADO.

Delta, residence of Leader, George A. Purdy, Leader, 3 P. M.
Denver, Ogden St., between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Avenues, Rev. H. C. Dunham, Pastor.
Denver, Advent Society, 543 South Thirteenth St., between West Fifth and Sixth Avenues, Rev. Richard DeCharms, Pastor.

CONNECTICUT.

Kent, at residence of J. H. Peters, Macedonia.
Mystic, Rev. J. A. Lamb, Pastor.
Stratford, Mrs. J. M. Moore, Leader, 3 P. M.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Delaware Ave. and Washington St., Rev. P. B. Cabell.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Dupont Circle, "Church of the Holy City," Rev. Frank Sewall, Pastor.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville.

GEORGIA.

Savannah, Park New Church.

ILLINOIS.

Aurora, Rev. A. J. Bartels.
Batavia, Joseph Burton, Leader.
Canton, Union and Fifth Sts., Rev. S. C. Eby, monthly.
Chicago, South Side, 17 E. Van Buren St., Rev. L. P. Mercer, Pastor.
Chicago, West Side, Immanuel Church, 434 Carroll Ave., between Sheldon and Ada Sts.
Chicago, West Side, German, N. Ashland Ave., corner Chicago Ave.
Englewood, N. E. corner of Seventieth St. and Stewart Ave., Rev. A. J. Cleare, Pastor.
Flat Rock, A. W. Duncan, Leader.
Henry, Main St., Rev. S. C. Eby preaches monthly.
Hutton, J. S. Sargent, Leader.
Joliet, 404 Eastern Ave., Rev. Lewis G. Landenberger, Minister.
Olney, Rev. S. C. Eby.
Peoria, Hamilton St., between Jefferson and Madison, Rev. S. C. Eby, Pastor, services first and second Sundays in each month.
Pittsfield, Rev. A. J. Bartels.
Pontiac, Court House, John S. Saul, Leader.
Wilmington, Rev. L. G. Landenberger, Visiting Minister.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis, 333 N. Alabama St., Rev. E. D. Daniels, Pastor, services first and second Sundays of the month; Sunday School, 9.30 A. M., every Sunday.
La Porte, Indiana and Maple Avenues, Rev. Thomas F. Houts, Minister.
Richmond, South Seventh and A Sts.

IOWA.

Des Moines, residence of Mrs. S. E. Nash, 221 Chestnut St., services at 4 P. M., Geo. C. Sims, Leader.
Ferguson, Marshall County, Rev. W. H. Adkins, Minister.
Flint River, near Burlington, German Society, Rev. J. H. Sudbrack, Pastor.
Fremont, Davis' Schoolhouse, German Society, Rev. J. J. Lehnen, Pastor, fortnightly.
Lenox, Rev. J. J. Lehnen preaches in German fortnightly; Rev. Stephen Wood preaches in English monthly.
Lost Nation, Rev. Stephen Wood, monthly.
Nashville, Rev. Stephen Wood, monthly.

KANSAS.

Pawnee Rock, German Society, Daniel Unruh, Leader.
Topeka, Sixth Ave. and Harrison St., Rev. G. Reiche.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Parlor of Masonic Temple, Rev. E. A. Beaman, services monthly at 3.30 P. M.

MAINE.

Bath, Middle and Winter Sts., Rev. G. H. Dole.
Fryeburgh, Rev. B. N. Stone, Pastor.
Gardiner, residence of Mrs. Mary O. Swanton, Kingsbury St., 3 P. M.
Portland, New High St.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Calvert St., near Chase St., Rev. Thomas A. King, Pastor.
Baltimore, German Society, Aisquith and Fayette Sts., Rev. P. J. Faber, Pastor.
Denton, Court House.
Easton, Rev. J. E. Smith.
Peach Blossom, near Easton, Rev. Wm. McIntosh, Pastor, monthly.
Preston, Rev. J. E. Smith.
Tuckahoe Neck, Schoolhouse.
Williamsburg, Schoolhouse, Rev. J. E. Smith.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, Centre Ave., Rev. J. E. Werren, Pastor.
Boston, Bowdoin St., near Beacon St., Rev. James Reed, Pastor.
Boston Highlands, Regent and St. James Sts., Roxbury, Rev. Julian K. Smyth, Pastor.
Bridgewater, Central Square, Rev. George S. Wheeler, Pastor.

Brockton, Main and Crescent Sts., Rev. Henry E. Goddard, Pastor.
Brookline, High and Irving Sts., Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Pastor.
Cambridge, Chapel of the New-Church Theological School building, Quincy
and Kirkland Sts., Rev. T. F. Wright, Minister.
Dorchester.
East Bridgewater, church at Elmwood, Rev. T. O. Paine, LL. D., Pastor.
Fall River, Rock St., near Cherry, Rev. Clarence Lathbury, Minister.
Fitchburg, services at Y. M. C. A. Hall, cor. Main and Oliver Sts., Rev. W. H.
Hinkley preaches monthly.
Lancaster, Rev. G. I. Ward, Minister.
Lynn, 33 Summer St.
Mansfield, West St., Rev. Geo. F. Stearns.
Newtonville, Highland Ave., Rev. John Worcester, Pastor.
Salem, 341 Essex St., F. M. Billings, Leader.
Springfield, State and Maple Sts., J. W. Schafer, Leader.
Waltham, Bacon St., Benjamin Worcester, Leader.
Worcester, Burnside Building, 339 Main St., 7:30 P. M.
Yarmouth, Rev. William H. Mayhew, Pastor.

MICHIGAN.

Berlin, near Almont, J. R. Hamilton, Leader.
Detroit, Cass Ave. and High Sts., Rev. A. F. Frost, Pastor.
Grand Rapids, Lyon and Division Sts., George W. Thayer, Secretary.
Leland, Rev. G. N. Smith, Minister.
Springdale, Wexford County, B. J. Stanley, Leader.

MINNESOTA.

Kimball, Rev. Jos. S. David, Missionary.
Minneapolis, 9th St. and 5th Ave., South, Rev. Jos. S. David, Pastor.
St. Paul, Virginia and Selby Aves., Rev. E. C. Mitchell, Pastor.

MISSOURI.

Kansas City, services in A. O. U. W. Hall, 9th near Forest Street, A. H.
Cline, Reader.
St. Louis, First St. Louis Society of the New Jerusalem, cor. Delmar Ave. and
Cabanne St., Rev. J. B. Parmelee, Pastor, residence, 4165 Olive St.
St. Louis, First German, 12th and Tyler Sts., Rev. Gerhard Busmann, Pastor.
St. Louis, Second German, 2122 St. Louis Ave., Rev. C. L. Carrière, Pastor.
Wellsville.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Manchester, German, 23 Mast St., Carl Roth, Leader.
Manchester, Reading Circle. Knights of Honor Hall, Hanover St., services
Sunday morning, at 10:45, Bible class 12-1. Rev. John A. Hayes, Minister.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth, G. A. R. Hall, 109 Broad St., 3.30 P. M., Sunday school, 2.30 P. M.,
A. J. Auchterlonie, Leader.

Elwood.

Hoboken, 58 Booraem Ave., Jersey City Heights, E. Ferrett, Leader.

Newark, Belleville Ave., near Oriental St., Rev. C. H. Mann, Pastor, 3.30 P. M.

Newark, German Society, 167 Halsey St., Rev. J. C. Menschner, Pastor.

Orange, Essex Ave., Rev. C. H. Mann, Pastor.

Paterson, 25 Division St., Rev. B. D. Palmer, Pastor.

Vineland, Wood St., near 8th, Rev. A. Roeder, Pastor.

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn, Clark St. and Monroe Place, Rev. J. C. Ager, Pastor.

Brooklyn, German Society, 246 Lynch St., Rev. Wm. Diehl, Pastor, 7.30 P. M.,
Sunday school, 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Brooklyn, E. D., German Society, Amphion Hall, Bedford Ave., near S. 9th
St., F. Muhlert, Leader.

East New-York German, Pythian Hall, Atlantic and Georgia Aves., East New
York, Brooklyn, Rev. William Diehl, Pastor.

Hempstead, Republican Hall, Main St., Rev. M. J. Callan, Minister.

Mount Vernon, Dr. S. Close, Leader.

New-York City, E. 35th St., between Park and Lexington Aves., Rev. S. S.
Seward, Pastor.

New-York City, German Society, cor. 7th St. and Ave. C., Rev. W. H. Schliffer,
Pastor.

Riverhead, Roanoke Ave. and 2d St., Rev. M. J. Callan, Minister.

OHIO.

Avondale, Avon Hall.

Cincinnati, 4th and John Sts., Rev. John Goddard, Pastor.

Cleveland, 97 Arlington St., Rev. Percy Billings, Minister.

East Rockport, Rev. Percy Billings.

Glendale.

Greenford, Rev. Andrew Czerny, Pastor, fortnightly.

Middleport, Rev. E. D. Daniels, monthly; Sunday school, 9.30 A. M., every
Sunday.

Napoleon, J. C. Sauer.

Toledo, Turley's Hall, Monroe and Huron Sts., Thomas H. Woodruff, Leader.
Rev. E. D. Daniels preaches monthly.

Urbana, Main and Reynolds Sts., Charles B. Chace.

OREGON.

Ballston, Edwin Chapman, Leader.

Portland, Cook's Music Hall, Abington Building, 3d St. near Stark, H.
Thielsen, Leader.

PENNSYLVANIA.

- Allegheny, Free New-Church Society of Allegheny and Pittsburgh, Caledonia Hall, Federal St., Allegheny, Frank W. Very, Teacher.
- Allentown, First Society, English and German, Bohlen's Hall, 29 North 7th St.
- Allentown, Church of the New Jerusalem, Hersh's Building, Hamilton and Lumber Sts., John Wunderlich, Leader, services in English and German.
- Bethel Church, Kearsage, Erie County, Uriah Evans, Leader.
- Bethlehem, 414 Broad St., Wm. H. Stotz, Leader.
- Frankford, Paul St., Rev. J. W. MacPherson.
- Lancaster, 10 N. Queen St.
- Philadelphia, First Society, 22d and Chestnut Sts., Rev. Chauncey Giles, Pastor; Rev. W. L. Worcester, Assistant; Rev. Wm. H. Alden, Assistant.
- Philadelphia, North Philadelphia Society of the New Jerusalem, Rev. L. H. Tafel, Pastor. Services at Glenn's Hall, Seventeenth St., below Green St., at 10.30 A. M.
- Philadelphia, Society of the Advent, 17th and Brandywine Sts., Rev. L. G. Jordan.
- Pittsburgh, Isabella and Sandusky Sts., Allegheny City, Rev. John Whitehead, Pastor; Rev. A. Czerny preaches twice a month in German.
- Renovo, J. R. Kendig, Leader.

RHODE ISLAND.

- Pawtucket, Elm St.
- Providence, Broad and Linden Sts., Rev. H. C. Hay, Pastor.
- Warwick, Clyde Chapel, near Riverpoint, Henry L. Greene, Leader.

TENNESSEE.

- Crossville.
- Ridgedale, near Chattanooga.

TEXAS.

- Galveston, Avenue K., between 21st and 22d Sts., Rev. Jabez Fox, Pastor.

WISCONSIN.

- Jefferson, George Copeland, Leader.
- Milwaukee, E. R. Persons.

SOCIETIES IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

In this list the first name is that of the place where the Society is located ; the second designates the situation of its place of worship ; the third is the name of its minister, or some member, generally with the residence annexed.

- Accrington, Abbey St., Rev. J. R. Rendell, Whinside, Whalley Road.
 Alloa, near Stirling, Greenfield Place, Rev. E. M. Pulsford, Kellie Place.
 Ashton-under-Lyne, Katherine St., Mr. J. H. Moss, 128 Blandford St.
 Barnsley, Market Hill, Mr. M. Fenwick, 9 Market St.
 Bath, Henry St., Rev. J. Martin, 19 Sydney Buildings.
 Besses, Charles St., Rev. E. Jones, Fairfax Road, Prestwich.
 Birmingham (1), Wretham Road, Rev. R. R. Rodgers, 31 Hall Road, Handsworth.
 Birmingham (2), Tindal St., Moseley, Mr. G. W. Midgley, Valentine Road, King's Heath.
 Blackburn, Anvil St., Rev. Mark Rowse, 43 Revidge Road.
 Bolton, Higher Bridge St., Rev. J. T. Freeth, 98 Davenport St.
 Bradford, Drewton St., Mr. G. A. Newbould, 301 Kensington St.
 Brightlingsea, Queen St., Mr. W. H. Claxton, Hurst Green.
 Bristol, Terrell St., Rev. C. H. Wilkins, Stockholm House, Belmont Road.
 Bromley, Kent, West St., Mr. S. B. Dicks, 2 Park Grove.
 Burnley, Briercliffe Road, Mr. W. J. Riley, Reedley.
 Bury, Walmersley Road, Mr. T. Rothwell, 275 Rochdale Road.
 Chatham, Workmen's Hall, Mr. W. Naylar, 120 Eastgate, Rochester.
 Clayton-le-Moors, Arthur St., Mr. W. T. Lardge, 18 Victor St.
 Dalton, near Huddersfield, Grove Place, Mr. J. W. Varley, 1 Dundas St., Huddersfield.
 Derby, Babington Lane, Mr. F. Ward, South Hill House.
 Edinburgh, Infirmary St., Mr. A. H. Craigie, 1 Blenheim Place.
 Embsay, near Skipton, Centenary Place, Mr. J. Howarth, Garden Cottage.
 Failsworth, Oldham Road, Mr. J. Rydings, 24 Wicken Tree Lane.
 Glasgow (1), Cathedral St., Mr. James Walker, 109 Napier's Hall St.
 Glasgow (2), Queen's Park, Rev. W. A. Presland, care of Secretary, Mr. John Macdougall, 125 Allison St.
 Haslingden, John St., Mr. R. Isherwood, Duckworth Clough.
 Heywood, Church St., Rev. R. Storry, 80 Manchester Road.
 Horncastle, Queen St., Mr. W. Hall, Castles House, Albert St.
 Hull, Spring Bank, Rev. G. H. Lock, All Saints St.
 Kearsley, Manchester Road, Rev. J. Elstob, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
 Keighley, King St., Mr. A. Bottomley, 81 Devonshire St.
 Leeds, Willow Terrace Road, Rev. Joseph Deans, Brookfield House, Headingley.
 Liverpool, Bedford St., North, Mr. W. Francis, 10 Moss St.
 London (1), Anerley, Waldegrave Road, Mr. W. Heald, 7 Waldegrave Road, Upper Norwood.
 London (2), Argyle Square, Argyle Square, Rev. J. Presland, 25 Rochester Square, N. W.

- London (3), Bermondsey, 73 Southwark Park Road, Mr. W. H. Dowland, 54 Glengall Road, Old Kent Road.
- London (4), Camberwell, Flodden Road, Mr. C. Higham, 169 Grove Lane, S. E.
- London (5), Camden Road, Camden Road, Rev. R. L. Tafel, 17 Anson Road, N.
- London (6), Dalston, Albion Hall, Albion Square, Mr. R. Ababrelton, 26 Silver St., London, E. C.
- London (7), Deptford, Warwick St., Mr. H. McLagan, 30 Grove Lane, Camberwell, S. E.
- London (8), Islington, Devonshire St., Rev. W. O'Mant, New-Church College, Devonshire St., N.
- London (9), Forest Gate, 32 Dames Road, Mr. T. J. Barlow, 232 Sebert Road, Forest Gate, E.
- London (10), Kensington, The Mall, Rev. T. Child, 2 Old Oak Road, Uxbridge Road.
- London (11), Peckham, 20 Anstey Road, Mr. W. Mills, 232 Friern Road, East Dulwich.
- London (12), Walworth Road, 213 Walworth Road, Rev. A. Potter, 64 Gellatly Road, Hatcham Park.
- London (13), Willesden Gn., High Road, Rev. H. W. Freeman, 7 Phillimore Terrace, W.
- Longton, Wharf St., Rev. R. Goldsack, 6 Foley Place.
- Lowestoft, Mills Road, Mr. R. Gunton, 205 Tufnell Park Road, London, N.
- Manchester, North, Bury New Road, Rev. W. T. Stonestreet, 366 Cliff Terrace, Higher Broughton.
- Manchester, South, Moss Lane West, Rev. J. J. Woodford, 41 Derby Street, Moss Side.
- Melbourne, Derby Road, Mr. A. E. Beilby, Melbourne, near Derby.
- Middleton, Wood Street, Rev. W. Westall, Vltne. House, Blackley, near Manchester.
- Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cambridge St., Rev. J. F. Buss, 30 Crown St.
- Northampton, Overstone Road, Rev. T. F. Robinson, 44 Clare St.
- Norwich, Park Lane, Mr. John Harcourt, 64 Heigham Road.
- Nottingham, Bluecoat St., Rev. George Meek, 46 Cramner St.
- Oldham, Rochdale Road, Mr. W. Winterbottom, 18 Park Road.
- Oswaldtwistle, Warren Lane, Mr. R. T. Booth, 71 Beaconsfield-Place Church.
- Paisley, George St., Rev. L. A. Slight, 9 Orr Square.
- Preston, Avenham Road, Rev. Is. Tansley, Ashton-on Ribble.
- Radcliffe, Stand Lane, Rev. P. Ramage, The Manse, New Road.
- Ramsbottom, Ramsbottom Lane, Rev. C. Griffiths, Oak Bank.
- Rhodes, Manchester Road, Mr. R. Clarkson, 20 Clarkson St.
- Salford, Lower Broughton Road, Rev. H. Cameron, 6 Lord St., Lower Broughton.
- Salisbury, Antelope Square, Mr. J. Saunders, 21 Fisherton St.
- Sheffield, Cemetery Road, Mr. G. Wilkinson, 5 Ventnor Place.
- Snodland, High St., Rev. A. Faraday, Brook House.
- Southport, Duke St., Rev. J. Ashby, 113 Duke St.
- Stockport, Beach Road, Mr. J. Wheldon, 51 Mancher Road.

St. Helier, Victoria Street, Rev. W. H. Buss, 2 Clair Vale Road.
 Wigan, Warrington Lane, Mr. John Johnson, 10 Park View.
 Wincanton, North Street, Messrs. C. Pocock and G. Sweetman.
 Worsley, Moorside Road, Mr. E. Seddon, 14 Cross St., Southport.
 Ynysmeudwy, Ynysmeudwy, Mr. J. Mainwaring, Ynysmeudwy, Swansea Valy.
 York, St. Saviour's Gate, Mr. W. Jubb, Micklegate.

LIST OF PLACES ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Friedr. Stammering, Wienstrasse, No. 28. Anton Neumayer, Wiedener Hauptstrasse No. 49.

DENMARK.

Aalborg, Jorgen Weedfald.
 Copenhagen, Rev. W. Winslow, Sindshvilevej 6, Fredericksberg I.
 Elsinore, Mr. J. Holst, Mary Hill.
 Frederickshavn, Jutland, Mr. Alfred Helleman.

FRANCE.

Autun, Rev. Alfred Bellais.
 Lavour, Dept. du Tarn, Mons. S. A. Blanchet.
 Paris, Edmond Chevrier, 82 rue Notre Dame des champs.
 Paris, New-Church Library and Temple, 12 rue Thouin, près le Panthéon,
 Charles Humann, Leader.
 Paris, M. Berteaux, 12 rue du Chemin Vert, Bois Colombe (Seine).
 Paris, Mme. de Chazal, 6 rue Neuve Fortin St. Honoré.
 Paris, Dr. Bon, 24 rue du Pont Neuf.
 Paris, Dr. Poirson, 18 rue des Grands Augustins.
 Paris, Mme. Hann, 10 Quai Debilley.
 Rambouillet, near Paris, ———
 St. Amand, M. Larue.
 Troyes (Aube), Mme. Keller, Fauborg St. Jacques, 75.
 Versailles, M. L. Comte de la Taille.

GERMANY.

Aesbach, near Lindau, Bavaria, Prof. William Pfirsch.
 Berlin, A. Schmidt, Royal Botanical Garden, Potsdam Str.; C. Mertin, Manteuffel
 Strasse, No. 4; Mrs. Koehler, Waldemar Strasse, No. 54.
 Biebrich-Mosbach, near Wiesbaden, J. G. Mitnacht, dépôt for Publication of New-
 Church Writings.
 Flensburg, Schleswig.
 Goerlitz, Silesia, Aug. Schütze, Rosen Strasse No. 3.
 Hirsau, Würtemberg, Eduard Zahn, President German New-Church Society.
 Monethen, Eastern Prussia, Mrs. Schiwiek.
 Reutlingen, Würtemberg, Rudolph Zimmer (Bruderhaus).
 Schoenberg, A. Schmidt, Potsdam Str., Königl Botan Garten.

HOLLAND.

The Hague, Mr. Bargar, 20 Sunda Straat.

HUNGARY.

Budapest, Karl Albrecht, Schiffgasse, No. 6.

ITALY.

Asti, Cav. C. Pugno, 22 Via Roero.

Bari, Sig. D. D'Ambrosio, 105 Strada Caffarelli, President Italian New-Church Association.

Florence, Prof. Loreto Scocia, No. 6 Via Benedetto da Foiano; Rev. A. E. Ford, 6 Piazza Beccaria.

Mineo, Decano M. Tamburino; Sig. Giuseppe Barone Belloni.

Partinico, Sig. N. Poma Cangemi, City Librarian.

Ravenna, Sig. Alberto Ghezzi, Merchant.

Rome, Sig. Luigi Capuano, Author, Via in Arcion, No. 88.

Salerno, Sig. Fabio Mastelloni, Judge of Tribunal, 7 Via dei Mercanti.

Venice, Sig. G. Gnocchi, Customs Officer.

Villafranca d' Asti, Dr. Carlo Nicolini, Physician.

NORWAY.

Christiania, P. O. Boyesen.

Lillehammer, Capt. C. Boyesen.

PORTUGAL.

Oporto, Mr. G. H. Hastings.

SWEDEN.

Christianstad, Carl Schneider.

Fahlun, S. Olsen.

Floda, C. Rooswall.

Foglavik, F. Schade.

Gottenberg, Rev. C. J. N. Manby.

Karlskrona, Captain Nördenskjöld.

Linköping, Magister Sundblad.

Oscarshamm, K. Nordenskjöld.

Sala, Mrs. Aaberg.

Stockholm, Rev. Albert Björck, 7 Riddaregaten.

Stockholm, Rev. A. T. Boyesen, 22 Observatoriegatan, 3 tr.

Tarna, C. Anderson.

Uddevalla, Frederick Cöster.

Upsala, G. Gyllensvärd.

SWITZERLAND.

Basel, Dr. Bruckner, Leonhardt Strasse, No. 43.

Berne, Eduard Pochon, Mattenhof, No. 12.

Herisau, Jacob Eggman, Neuschwende.

Wadensweil, near Zurich, Mrs. Baumann-Herdener.

Wadensweil, near Zurich, Mrs. Treichler-Pestalozzi.

Zurich, Rev. F. Görwitz, Oberstrasse, Frieden Strasse, No. 10.

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